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DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID

GENERAL

Moderate weather during this period permitted steady progress. Maintenance and Repair Programs are practically completed. Construction is limited to phases of work that are not effected by cold weather.

State Aid Project Status

	Under way Beg. of Per.	Started Dur. Per.	Completed Dur. Per.	Under way End of Per.
Munic. Constr.	66	29	37	58
Munic. Maint.	40	11	40	11
County Constr.	1	0	1	0
County Maint.	7	0	3	4
Total	114	40	81	73

The Division Office completed the final evaluation and review of 496 applications for 1966 State Grants-in-Aid. The amount requested totaled $11,136,945.00.

The District Offices are processing State Aid documents for final payments of completed State Aid projects. District field personnel are being used to make field investigations of requests for highway safety lighting made by municipalities pertaining to the Reimbursed Highway Lighting Program.

COUNTIES

Annual maintenance and repair programs have been completed in all but the following four counties: Cape May, Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex.

DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID, cont'd.

Twenty-four items of work were received in the Bureau Office for final review. Final action was completed on nineteen.

MUNICIPALITIES

Three hundred forty-five items of work were received in the Bureau Office for final review. Final action was completed on two hundred nine.

PERSONNEL (Division)

Two Assistant Engineer positions and one Clerk Typist position were filled during this period. Six vacancies now exist in the Division of Local Government Aid, three in the Trenton Office and three in District Offices.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

RUMBLE STRIPS

Inspected field installation on Route US206, strips holding up well. A report was received from the State Police indicating the strips are effective. Investigation and report preparation are continuing.

FOG STUDY

Prepared an estimate and layout of fog room requirements for continued investigation of "fog broom" and other methods of combatting the fog problem. Continued discussions with Mercer County and other highway department personnel concerning preparation of lease and equipping the space at Mercer County Airport.

DIVISION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AID, ANKARA

Twenty-four lines of work were received in the Ankara Office for final review. Final action was completed on eighteen.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Three hundred forty-five lines of work were received in the Ankara Office for final review. Final action was completed on two hundred nine.

PERSONNEL (Division)

Two Assistant Engineer positions and one Civil Engineer position were filled during this period. Six vacancies now exist in the Division of Local Development Aid, three in the Ankara Office and three in District Offices.

DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROJECTS

Ankara Office

Investment Level Specifications on Route 1-100, at the request of Ankara Office. A report and recommendations covering Ankara Office activities, the Division and District Offices.

Site Study

Engineers at Ankara and Larnaca at the time Representatives for consulting investigation of Long Beach, and other matters of interest to the Site Study. Consultation with Chief with Bureau Chief and other Planning Department personnel concerning preservation of Ankara Site Study plans in Nicosia Camp Airport.

DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID, cont'd.

DOLOMITE AGGREGATE STUDY

Initiated a new evaluation project to evaluate the effect the use of dolomite aggregate has in road construction.

STUDDED TIRES

Conducted preliminary tests on 26 sets of studded tires. Prepared and distributed a questionnaire to be filled out by operators of highway vehicles that are equipped with studded tires. Selected a test site and developed a test procedure to measure pavement wear due to use of studded tires.

SIGN EVALUATION

Completed the report on the evaluation of the field study of two types of letters to be used on highway signs.

TRAINING

Nonprofessional Engineering Training Program. Under this three-evening-a-week five-year program, the Department hopes to develop from its nonprofessional ranks qualified professional-level engineers. Ninety-six of the original 128 employees who commenced the program are still active. Morale among the instructors and students is rated as high, but some students have dropped one subject since the three-evening-a-week pace; as one can imagine, it is quite demanding. In conclusion, during the month of October this program appears to have definitely settled down and is now well on its way toward becoming a regular source for the technological improvement of nonprofessional personnel and a potential source for professional-level engineers.

TRAINING, cont'd.

Soils Mechanics and Foundation Course. This five-credit engineering course sponsored in conjunction with Trenton Junior College is progressing at a satisfactory rate. This course continues to be difficult for some of the trainees, but on the whole the group is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be exposed to the latest methods and theory available in this field. The eighteen Department employees attend two lectures and one laboratory period for a total of seven hours of instruction weekly.

Interpretation of Control Tests in Concrete. Four engineers from various branches of the Department completed this engineering seminar at Rutgers University. Participants were well pleased with this opportunity.

Radiological Monitoring Training. Twenty-four employees of the Division of Maintenance and Operations, District #3, were selected as a pilot group to undergo this sixteen-hour course in Radiological Monitoring techniques. Instruction is being shared between various employees who completed the thirty-two-hour instructors course. It is hoped that when this course is completed in December, the Training Section will be able to advise the Emergency Planning Committee regarding the feasibility of training regular maintenance laborers as Radiological Monitors. The Department of Education and the Training Section are co-sponsoring this endeavor.

TRAINING, cont'd.

Modified Basic Stenographic Refresher Course. Twenty-nine Department stenographers completed the Modified Basic Stenographic Refresher Course this month. The secretarial employees received stenographic drills of up to 130 words per minute. Trainees were also exposed to outside lectures by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company on telephone communications. The broadening of this program was enthusiastically endorsed by the trainees at course completion.

Right of Way Negotiators Basic School. Thirty-one newly employed Right of Way Negotiators began the 120-hour Basic Right of Way Negotiators School this month. Satisfactory completion of this course is necessary for continued employment as a Right of Way Negotiator. Judging from the comments made by the participants and the Director of Right of Way, this school appears to be the most successful to date.

SUPERVISORY TRAINING

Management Orientation Seminar. The Soils Engineer completed the twelve-hour Civil Service Management Orientation Seminar on November 30. This was a pragmatic orientation into Civil Service budgeting, purchasing, etc. Mr. Jansson found it informative but also noted that he felt it would have been more profitable if he had had it sooner. In conclusion, he felt that it was well worth the twelve hours expended.

TRAINING, cont'd.

Basic Management Course. Arrangements are being made to conduct an improved version of our standard thirty-hour Basic Management Course. This course will be given starting January 4. Several new innovations, such as guest lecturers from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, as well as varying views on supervisory leadership from The Federal Government, I.B.M. Corporation, and U. S. Marine Corps. will be presented.

During this month a statistical analysis was conducted on the management tests and improvements noted i.e., that participants graduating from this course as a group experienced approximately a 100% increase in supervisory knowledges. With Mr. Woodruff's help, the Engineering Computer Section was able to assist us by running statistical correlations which we are able to report were on the average R = .551, which is a very acceptable correlation.

APPRENTICE TRAINING

Mechanic Trainee Training Program. The Mechanic Apprentice Program which is designed to produce trained auto and equipment mechanics in needed geographical areas throughout the state is continuing to progress satisfactory. The Training Section is continuing its visitation program to insure program coordination.

TRAINING, cont'd.

Electrical Mechanic Trainee Training Program (Proposed). The Training Section of the Department of Civil Service has been assigned to discuss with us and the U. S. Department of Labor problems involved in making this program, for the Traffic Engineering Division, a reality. A meeting is scheduled late next month to complete this phase of the program.

EXECUTIVE TRAINING

The Training Section has received a request from the Right of Way Division to resubmit an integrated executive training program for their top six executives with the American Management Association. As soon as the necessary PR-12 forms are received, a formal request will be made for this training.

Assistant Engineer Highway Trainee Training Program. This orientation program was on the whole comoleted this month, and questionnaires regarding the program were sent to all trainees. Upon their reception, the Training Section will analyze and compile the results and forward them to the appropriate executives concerned.

Employee Orientation. Due to the unusually heavy administrative demands made upon the Personnel Division, the Training Section was unable to ascertain the names and addresses of employees hired during the month of October. The October employees together with the November employees will be combined for the December employee orientation session.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND SECURITY

Set forth below is the case status report, reflecting total investigations opened, closed and pending; also case status covering the month of November, 1965.

Total Cases Opened	Total Cases Closed	Total Cases Pending
561	543	17
Cases Opened-Nov.	**Cases Closed-Nov.**	**Cases Pending-Nov.**
17	10	11

A representative of the Bureau of Public Roads has returned to the New Jersey area and is engaging in joint investigations with members of this office.

At the request of the Director of Personnel, requests were made to the New Jersey State Police Department to conduct police background checks on applicants for employment with this Department. During this reporting period, a total of forty-nine SBI checks were completed.

Security

During this reporting period ten security violations have been uncovered by our Security Patrol operating on a nightly and weekend basis. It is hoped that an additional Security Officer will be assigned in the near future to alleviate the present workload on the one man assigned.

This office is still awaiting price estimates from the Superintendent and Custodian, Capitol Buildings and Grounds, for the alterations

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND SECURITY, cont'd.

on the lobby in order to put into effect our planned visitor control program.

Through arrangements made with the New Jersey State Police the laminating of the new identification cards will be made through this agency. Originally, $150.00 had been set aside with the State Uses agency for the laminating of these cards; however, this order will be cancelled since the new arrangements with the State Police will cost the State approximately $20.00 for 5,000 identification cards if this amount is required.

In a recent discussion with the Chief of the Bureau of Buildings and Grounds, regarding the construction of the new security shelter, he reports that his plans for the shelter will be completed sometime in January and construction could well be started during this period.

MATERIALS DIVISION

New Materials

Two samples of hot-poured joint sealers were tested and eight samples of asphalt roofing materials for the New Jersey Department of Defense were also tested.

Performance Testing

Six marshall tests were molded. Calibration of one bitumenometer was taken. The laboratory investigation on concrete sand for

MATERIALS DIVISION, cont'd.

bituminous paving mixtures was completed. Concrete specimens were given to the Division of Research and Evaluations for their Skid Resistance Investigation. A sample of galvanized guard rail from Whitmyer Bros. Inc., Hammonton, New Jersey was tested for tensile strength. Nine plant visits were made in the continuation of testing and inspection for the purpose of approval, and nine plant visits were made in the continuing Quality Control Program.

Meetings Attended

Personnel of this Division attended the 41st Annual Meeting of the New Jersey, New York and New England States Testing Engineers' Association held at the Princeton Inn.

Record and Proof Sampling Team

During the month of October, 1965, 281 record samples and 43 proof samples were taken. To obtain these samples 144 trips were made.

Samples Received

During the month of November, 1965, 2,954 samples were received. This figure compares with 3,191 samples received during the corresponding period of 1964.

HEALTH AND SAFETY SECTION

Safety

Following are the activities of the Safety Section for the past month. In addition to the items listed, first-aid wall cabinets and first-aid stations, Statewide, were inspected and restocked.

Field Inspections

Maintenance Foremen Visited	112
Contract Work Inspections	80
Bridge Inspections	14
Vehicle Safety Inspections	93

Personal Safety Items Issued

Gloves	252 pr.
Skullguards	147
Toe Guards	8

Traffic Protection Safety Devices

Traffic Cones	40
MEN AT WORK Signs	4

Work Safety Items

Drinking Fountains	1
Fire Extinguishers	6

Miscellaneous

Wicks, dowels, chin straps and liners batteries, sign frames, etc.	45

HEALTH AND SAFETY SECTION, cont'd.

The employees' Safety Training Program is still in the planning stage. Progress reports on this subject matter will be given as developed.

Emphasis is being placed on contractors' inspections, especially in view of the oncoming winter season.

HEALTH

In the past month the medical team completed the following:

Flu Injections	848
Tetanus Injections	502

The mass inoculation program for our employees, Statewide, will be completed during the month of December.

Shortly after the first of the year, weather permitting, it is planned to inaugurate an eye testing and evaluation program for all employees, Statewide. The testing will be done through the medium of an electric device known as a Titmus Eye Tester.

This is a very important phase of our safety program in that we have a substantial number of older employees. The benefit of this program can be considered manifold in that we may expect a decrease in lost time, improved production and, without a doubt, improved driver behavior.

HEALTH AND SAFETY SECTION, cont'd.

Main Dispensary

Pre-employment Examinations	61		
Special Examinations	20	Revisits	0
Occupational	26	Revisits	29
Non-occupational	98	Revisits	4
Non-departmental	6	Revisits	1
X-rays Taken	3		
Transported Home by Highway Vehicle	10		
Ophthalmologist	4		
Referred to Hospital	3		
Dermatologist	1		

Laboratory First Aid Room

Non-occupational	10	Revisits	0

Fernwood Dispensary

Occupational	10	Revisits	1
Non-occupational	1	Revisits	0

RECORDS AND SERVICES

Early in the month, the Bureau of Office Services was abolished and a new bureau formed to be known as the Bureau of Records and Services under the direction of Mr. Kenneth D. Rice. The division of all the functions comprising office services has not as yet been finalized. A large number of furniture transfers were completed this month. New furniture arriving

RECORDS AND SERVICES, cont'd.

released a number of desks and chairs which were immediately transferred to other areas that were in need of these items. All other operations are progressing normally.

Files and Records

The regular work in the file room was kept up to date with no particular problems at the present time. The records management group culled out and destroyed another 32 cubic feet of records authorized for destruction. Another 28 cubic feet were destroyed and 10 cubic feet removed to low-cost storage. In addition, 450 boxes of I.B.M. cards were sold for scrap.

Duplicating Section

The following services were completed by the staff of the Duplicating Section of the Bureau of Records and Services. These jobs were all completed during the month of November, 1965. In order to finish all of these assignments, it was necessary for some of the staff to work overtime. The listing below does not include work done on the drill, cutter, punch, varitype, preparation of flats, opaguing, forms design, filing, book work, or the binding of various reports as no records are kept of these jobs.

Sixty forms printed, 19 revised forms and 2 new forms, 4,000 sets collated for a total of 122,000 copies printed on the No. 1 offset press. Five hundred and seventy-five paper masters made on Xerox flatbed. Total run of these masters was 75,000 copies, 18 jobs collated ranging from 8 to 51 pages. Thirteen collated jobs were stapled. These

RECORDS AND SERVICES, cont'd.

paper master jobs were printed on the No. 2 offset press. On the Model 3250 Automated Offset, a trial run of supplementary specifications was printed using both sides of the stock. Five hundred booklets were printed of "Highway Spot Improvements". This book contained 93 pages and included 29 full-page halftones. Nine hundred and eight stencils were mimeographed for a total of 126,000 copies. Of these 14 jobs were collated ranging from 3 to 20 pages and 12 of these jobs were stapled. Twelve sets of plans were printed on the flatbed printing press ranging from 1 to 355 tracings. The two Xerox Copiers produced 36,000 copies. Eighteen thousand, two hundred and fifty envelopes were printed on the addressograph and 30,000 were printed on the No. 2 offset press. On the Bruning Copyflex produced 6,000 prints and sepias. Total copies printed were 369,500. Total envelopes printed were 48,250.

Mailing Section

During the 18 working days in November, we prepaid the postage on 18,000 envelopes for various bureaus and also folded 40,000 voucher forms for the stockroom in addition to our routine work of sorting and delivering the mail. It is obvious we were exceptionally busy every day. Our postage charge was over $3,610.91 for the month.

Contracts

Bids were received on eight projects, and necessary reports and certificates of awards prepared. Three contracts were awarded and contracts were prepared and forwarded for execution.

RECORDS AND SERVICES, cont'd.

Execution of three contracts was completed. Two projects were advertised. One hundred six sets of plans and supplementary specifications were distributed.

Schedules of Approvals

Four Schedules were prepared listing a total of four hundred twenty-four items, which by a combination of items where possible represents action on four hundred eighty-nine individual items. Official copies of Schedules were signed by the Commissioner, placed in the minute book and indexed. Schedules of Approvals distributed in accordance with regulations; letters concerning official actions written.

General

25	Standard Specifications issued
3	Books of Materials issued
5	Deposits made for transmittal of income
141	Property Agreements attested and processed
25	Agreements attested and processed
45	Municipal Aid contracts, applications, agreements, transfers, etc., certified
9	General Releases executed
5	Utility Orders attested and processed
3	Motor Vehicle Claim Settlements executed
20	Snow Removal Equipment Rental Agreements executed

RECORDS AND SERVICES, cont'd.

25 Snow Removal Agreements executed

1 Lease Agreement executed

7 Traffic Regulations certified

Now receiving and reading bids at four lettings and tabulating unit prices of two low bidders on eight projects.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Community Relations

Attended State Fair meeting called to evaluate results of 1965 Fair. Mr. McLaughlin was appointed to the Plans Committee.

Attended meeting chaired by Mr. D. J. Henderson to review impending re-decking project for the Route 1 & 9 bridge over the Hackensack River. Effect on traffic is expected to be substantial and special public information attention will be required.

Participated in half-hour radio show at Seton Hall University along with the Traffic Engineer of East Orange to explain Highway Department procedures.

Met with Mr. Harry Strutz, Resident Engineer for Route 278 construction projects to discuss community relations problems which have arisen due to construction.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, cont'd.

Cartographic Section

News release maps for three public hearings were prepared: Routes 87, 206 and 295.

Art renderings of the proposed new bridge to carry Route 82 over Brigantine Thoroughfare were prepared; also a revised rendering of the Commissioner's conference room as it will look with new charts and graphs installed.

Revisions of Departmental organization chart continued.

Editorial & General Services

Processed 36 news releases, recorded 12 radio programs, circulated 342 news clippings and distributed 8,367 pieces of literature published by the Bureau.

Research projects included gathering information for:

- Highway Defense Act of 1941
- Congressional hearings
- BPR annual reports
- Routes 24, 78, 80 and 287
- Landscaping
- The Aldene Plan

Publication projects included Spot Improvements revision and reprint, Biennial Report layout, and assumption of control of Safety Manual.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, cont'd.

Special articles included research for the Wall Street Journal feature on construction costs, Highway Department article for New Jersey Almanac, major contractors awards for Roads & Streets, and Federal Aid allotments.

Statistical reports produced included monthly blue card, quarterly Status of the Interstate System.

One radio station was added to the group broadcasting the Bureau's program, "Spotlight on Highways", and KYW Philadelphia discontinued using the program because it has gone to an all-news format.

MEETINGS

In addition to the routine staff and other meetings, the following are a few of the meetings held during the month:

Nov. 10 - Meeting with Mr. Sorrubi to discuss access problems affecting the East Gate Motel.

Meeting with representatives of Bergen County to discuss improvement of Route 208.

Nov. 17 - Meeting with officials of the Highway Research Board.

Nov. 18 - Attended showing of General Motors Company film on new transportation modes.

Nov. 22 - Meeting in State Treasurer Kervick's Office to discuss the financial problems of the Central Railroad.

Dinner at the Union Club with officials of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad.

Nov. 23 - Meeting with Austin Tobin to discuss transportation problems affecting the Highway Department and the Port of New York Authority.

MEETINGS, cont'd.

Nov. 24 - Review of the proposed 1966-67 Construction Program.

Nov. 29 - Meeting in the Governor's Office to discuss the affairs of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad.

Nov. 30 - Testified before the Legislative Committee Investigating Railroad Transportation at the County Court House in New Brunswick.

Dec. 3 - Staff meeting to discuss progress on federal aid construction projects.

Meeting with Judge Sherman of Springfield to discuss highway problems in that municipality.

Dec. 4 - Meeting at the Essex Club with Congressman Frelinghuysen to discuss highway problems affecting his constituents.

Dec. 6 - Meeting with Senator Hunt to discuss South Jersey highway problems.

Dec. 7 - Meeting with Mr. Walter May of the Blatnik Committee to discuss federal highway policy.

MEETINGS, cont'd.

Dec. 8 - Meeting with PUC President William Hyland to discuss rail and bus transportation.

Meeting with Associated General Contractors to discuss matters involving payment to contractors.

Dec. 10 - Presented proposed 1966-67 Budget to Mr. Vermeulen.

Dec. 14 - Cabinet Meeting, meeting to discuss the effects of the Essex East-West Freeway on Reingold Brewers, appeared on Rutgers University Forum.

BIDS RECEIVED:

November 12 -	Route U.S. 46 (1953) Section 18A Pedestrian Bridges at St. Phillips Drive and Incidental Work & Route 23 (1953) Section 3B - Pedestrian Bridge at Roosevelt Avenue & Incidental Work, City of Clifton & Borough of Butler, Passaic & Morris Counties Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden	$ 95,637.50
November 12 -	Route 295 - Section 2N, Emergency Median Crossovers, Borough of Lawnside & Townships of Cherry Hill & Mount Laurel, Camden & Burlington Counties Clifford Ellis, Inc., Cherry Hill	17,008.49
November 12 -	Aldene Plan Contract 5, Central Avenue Extension - from Central Avenue at Dod Place to North Street, Viaduct Grading and Paving in the Township of Hillside, Union County J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	908,660.40
November 18 -	Route 295 - Section 2 - Electrical Installations from Rt. 70 Interchange to and including Rt. 73 Interchange, Township of Cherry Hill, Camden Co. and Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County Gerald Electric Const. Co., Inc., Almonneson	221,910.85
November 18 -	Reconstruction of Boonton Turpike from Station 5-67.81, Borough of Lincoln Park, Morris County J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc.	333,659.75
November 24 -	Route 278 - Section 1E, Demolition of Buildings, from Grier Avenue to Mack Street, Cities of Linden & Elizabeth, Union County V. Ottilio & Son, Paterson	123,408.50
December 9 -	Route US 130 (1953) Sect. 14B Ramp Connection at Baird Boulevard City of Camden, Camden County State Paving Corporation, Philadelphia	102,150.67
		$1,802,426.16

CONTRACTS AWARDED:

November 16 -	Route 34 (1953) Section 5A Intersection Revision at Lloyd Road - Township of Matawan, Monmouth County Jannarone Engineering Co., Somerville	$ 46,968.00
November 16 -	Route US-46(1953) Section 9B Vicinity of Cherry Hill Road & Intervale Road - Widening, Resurfacing & Turnarounds - Borough of Mountain Lakes & Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp., Morris County J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc.,Kearny	378,899.10
November 29 -	Route U.S. 46(1953) Section 18A - Pedestrian Bridges at St. Phillips Drive, and incidental work and Route 23 (1953) Section 3B - Pedestrian Bridge at Roosevelt Avenue & Incidental Work, City of Clifton & Borough of Butler, Passaic & Morris Counties Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden	95,637.50
December 2 -	Route 295 - Section 2N, Emergency Median Crossovers, Borough of Lawnside & Townships of Cherry Hill & Mount Laurel, Camden & Burlington Co. Clifford Ellis, Inc., Cherry Hill	17,008.49
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December 7 -	Aldene Plan Contract 5, Central Avenue Ext. from Central Avenue at Dod Place to North Street, Viaduct Grading & Paving in the Twp. of Hillside, Union County J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	908,660.40

CONTRACTS AWARDED: (Continued)

December 7 -	Route 278 - Section 1E, Demolition of Buildings - from Grier Avenue to Mack Street, Cities of Linden & Elizabeth, Union County V. Ottilio & Son, Paterson	$ 123,408.50
		$ 2,126,152.59

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED:

December 23 - Bridge No. 483 over Branch of Pequannock River Hardyston Twp. Sussex County & Roadway Approach Work - FAS Project No. S263(1)

NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION

STATEMENT

BY

COMMISSIONER DWIGHT R. G. PALMER

BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4, 1965

November 30, 1965

The Railroad Passenger Service Program

It is a privilege to appear before your Committee, Mr. Chairman, and I trust such suggestions as we may submit, you will find as a contribution to your overall analysis.

To get the proper perspective of our overall problem I feel it desirable to outline the situation which existed in 1959 when the State first began its efforts to preserve essential rail passenger service. That year climaxed a decade in which the number of passenger trains in New Jersey had dropped 25% and fares had constantly spiralled upward. The New York Central had succeeded in discontinuing its West Shore line, the Lehigh Valley was in the process of eliminating all passenger trains, the Lackawanna had posted notices that it was following suit and the other railroads were preparing to take advantage of the 1958 Federal Transportation Act to get rid of all or most suburban trains.

The action of the State in instituting a program of contracting for rail passenger service halted this erosion of service. Since 1960

authorization has been granted for discontinuance of only about 2% of the trains under contract. Practically all of these were lightly patronized off-peak services or trains which were operated primarily for the handling of mail. In any event there has been practically no decrease in the rush period commuter service during these five years and on some lines service has actually increased.

While the cost of living has inched upward since 1960 and rail commutation fares increased in Chicago and Philadelphia, the State's program held the line on fares in New Jersey until this year when rising labor costs resulting from national agreements forced a modest increase in Erie Lackawanna commutation fares which as yet has not been extended to other lines. In addition, a feature of our activities to increase rail travel has been the institution of greatly reduced off-peak fares.

Planning for the future has not been neglected. In 1960 the Division of Railroad Transportation presented a report widely distributed which has formed the basis of future actions since that time. In that publication the Division recommended the service contract program, the rerouting of Jersey Central service to Newark (now known as the Aldene Plan), and New York Port Authority assistance in improving the then H&M service. Again in 1962 the Division reported on the need for physical improvements in the railroad plant and outlined a minimum scope program to accomplish these. This report also was widely distributed. In 1964 the Division's report and recommendations for legislative action resulted in the passage of several bills which

have assisted the State's program. The latest report of the Division released in April of this year deals specifically with the Erie Lackawanna Railroad and is a comprehensive analysis of the situation on that carrier. It might be well to point out here just what the Legislature asked us to do when it set up the Division of Railroad Transportation. Chapter 14 of the Laws of 1959 charges the Railroad Division with three principal duties. These are:

> "1. The Division "...shall examine and study the facilities of the various commuter and passenger railroads and their related transportation facilities and seek agreements and accords between the operators thereof whereby the separate facilities of each may be interrelated, co-ordinated, combined, consolidated or unnecessary duplications eliminated, and as will tend to improve commuter and passenger services or result in greater efficiency in operations."
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> 2. "...shall lend assistance to such operators, separately or jointly, in developing plans for the construction of additional facilities or the development of existing facilities and in obtaining agreements and accords in connection therewith between them, as will improve their commuter and passenger railroad services or the services of their related transportation facilities."
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> 3. "...shall engage in a continuous study of the commuter and passenger railroad operations throughout the State with the end in view of seeking solutions to the various problems facing the railroad companies and the railroad traveling public, including but not limited to, the need for commuter and passenger railroad services in the various areas of the State, the need for extensions of existing services, deficit operations and the reasons therefor, and the railroad tax situation and the State tax policies in connection therewith."

The activities that have been carried out by the Railroad Division and those now under construction, as we see it, are fully in accord with the requirements of the law. And I know that the law was

written by legislators who were intimately acquainted with the railroad passenger problem such as Senator Lance. It was not written by outside pressure groups and handed to the legislature to pass.

The cost of maintaining essential rail service now totals about $37 million in contract payments, including all of the existing commitments through June 30, 1966. (See Exhibit A) Considering that this amount would construct only a few miles of urban freeway, not to mention the chaos resulting from the loss of rail service, we believe the State has had a bargain. Furthermore, most of the money used for these service contracts with railroads has come from the proceeds of the Commuter Benefit Tax which is paid by residents of New York State (See Exhibit B).

I would be certainly less than frank if I were to say that the actions of the State in the last five years solved all of the problems. In all candor, a high percentage of the job lies ahead.

First, let us examine the Jersey Central, one of New Jersey's major railroads. Only through Government guaranteed loans and sale of assets has the Central been able to keep its head above water for the past several years. Heavy passenger losses and a marginal freight operation resulted in a serious drain on the cash reserves of the Central which culminated in a crisis last June. Bankruptcy was averted only by the personal intervention of the Governor when he authorized immediate payment of $2.5 million to the railroad under its contract and persuaded the carrier's banker and the I.C.C. to accept a plan for

delayed payment on certain obligations. The crisis has now returned in the form of the railroad's State tax bill for $2.7 million due tomorrow which the President of the Central has told us cannot be paid. A supplemental appropriation in the amount of $3 million will be necessary to increase the level of payments to the Jersey Central and other carriers. A bill was introduced yesterday to provide these additional funds.

However, these payments serve only to avert a collapse of the service. Other actions must provide permanent relief. One of these is the Aldene Plan with which I am sure the Committee is familiar. There have been some unavoidable delays in completing this major change in the Jersey Central passenger service but I can report that the construction work on the Lehigh Valley is proceeding satisfactorily. There still remains the completion of yard facilities at Raritan and east of Newark, as well as final determination of schedules and fares, and the acquisition of additional new cars by the Port Authority to carry adequately the passengers from Newark to Hudson Terminal.

The contract with the Erie Lackwanna expires December 31st and the railroad management has made it clear it will file for complete abandonment of suburban passenger service on January 2nd. We have no reason to doubt that this will be done and we are preparing to oppose such an application as vigorously as possible.

By contrast, our situation with the Pennsylvania Railroad presents a hopeful picture for the future. Direct cash payments for Pennsylvania

service ended as of June 30th and we do not believe it will ever be necessary to resume them. Instead we have embarked upon a program of capital improvements which will both improve service for Pennsylvania passengers and the economics of the suburban operation. Incidentally, this same program was proposed to the other major carriers but their need for cash prevented acceptance.

The first step in the Pennsylvania program will be the replacement of equipment and we have applied to the Federal government for a capital grant of $2,000,000 to match State funds already appropriated for this purpose. We hope to obtain approval of the grant shortly which would permit the ordering of 15 new cars immediately. Tentative agreement has also been reached with the Pennsylvania whereby it would guarantee payment for about 23 to 25 more cars in the expectation that the State will appropriate $3,000,000 next year to be again matched with Federal funds. This will permit the initial order to be for about 40 cars, or one-half of the total number required for the Pennsylvania fleet operating its electrified services.

The Railroad Capital Improvement Program -- 1966 through 1972

Pennsylvania and Jersey Central Railroads

The capital improvement program has had its beginning in the Aldene Plan and the purchase of new cars to be operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the services between Trenton - Newark and New York. With regard to the former the combination of State and Federal funds has

permitted Phases I and II of the Aldene Plan to be initiated. Phase I includes the connection at Aldene, new station in Roselle Park, grade crossing eliminations, storage facilities east of Newark, Terminal facilities at Raritan and rehabilitation of coaches. Phase II includes alterations at main line stations between Raritan and Newark to regiment the flow of passengers preliminary to changing from on-train to station validation of tickets, and other station and parking area improvements. Details of Phase III for which funds are not available include the electrification of the main line with 11,000 volt A.C. 25 cycle power (same as PRR electrification), high-level platforms throughout, station and parking area improvements and the acquisition of a new fleet of cars similar to those to be purchased for the PRR territory. Details of work included in Phases I and II of the Aldene Plan are set forth in the application to HHFA and identified as Exhibit C to this statement. Electrification of the Jersey Central main line will then permit through operation to Pennsylvania Station, Manhattan, without transfer from main line stations such as Westfield, Plainfield and Somerville.

A description of the new cars to be purchased for the Pennsylvania Railroad territory is set forth in the preliminary application to HHFA identified as Exhibit D to this statement.

It is assumed that under the financing plan described in subsequent paragraphs that funds will be available in 1967 to finance the acquisition of the remaining cars so that all suburban services operated by

the PRR in New Jersey would be equipped with modern rolling stock. Along with new cars it is proposed that all stations be provided with high level platforms, parking areas be paved and lighted and that additional park and ride facilities featuring convenient vehicular access, ample parking and frequent train service be established.

The second phase of the PRR improvement plan includes making much more use of the PRR high line east of Newark and its tunnels under the Hudson River to provide more commuters with rail access to mid-town Manhattan. This can be accomplished by constructing a transfer in the Meadows for the lines serving Bergen County and making a connection between the Erie Lackawanna electric lines and the PRR so that through service, at least outside the peak hours, could be provided passengers originating in the Oranges, Madison, Morristown, Dover, etc. In order to operate the through service the existing Erie Lackawanna 3,000 volt DC electrification would have to be converted to the PRR high voltage AC system or third rail extended from the PRR tunnels to the connection. Under either alternative an entirely new fleet of cars would be needed.

In order to accommodate expanded use of the PRR tunnels and the mid-town terminal additional tracks would have to be constructed in the Meadows, the signal system rebuilt to permit operations under closer headways and the use of the tunnels by locomotive hauled trains curtailed in the peak hours.

Operationally, all suburban passenger service on the New York and Long Branch, the PRR main line and the Jersey Central main line should be under the control of one management team closely supervised by the State. First action to accomplish this should be taken on the New York and Long Branch by relieving the Jersey Central of its obligations to operate any service over this line to Newark or New York.

The Erie Lackawanna Railroad

The comprehensive Report on the Erie Lackawanna suburban passenger services issued by the Railroad Division in April, 1965 emphasized that the operation of the low-density branch lines was causing most of the deficits on this Railroad's suburban service. It was this situation that led the Railroad Division to recommend the carrying out of a demonstration project to see if by "grass-roots" participation in the program the overall economics of the operation could be improved sufficiently to justify continuation of the branch lines or if by operating a combination of through or feeder bus services certain rail routes could be terminated. The details of such a demonstration project are set forth in the application to HHFA identified as Exhibit E to this statement. Federal action is pending. In any event complete engineering and economic analyses on the electric plant must be carried out to determine the most economic arrangement under which through service to Manhattan via the PRR tunnels could be

operated. Funds to make such studies supplementing those accomplished in 1961 have been requested for the next fiscal year.

The entire fleet of cars should be replaced by 1972 with high-density, high-performing cars on the electric lines and with modern, high-density coaches on the diesel routes.

Rail service to Newark from the northwest should be improved by constructing the connection between the Greenwood Lake Division and the Montclair Branch and extending the electrification to the vicinity of Mt. View as has been outlined in earlier reports.

The Erie Lackawanna should also be improved by the construction of high level platforms, modernizing stations and by making the changes necessary to substitute station rather than on-train validation of tickets. All parking areas should be paved and lighted.

Grade Crossing Eliminations

The continuation of the hazards resulting from having high-density rail routes cross busy vehicular thoroughfares cannot be tolerated. The State must adopt a program of grade crossing elimination far greater in scope than that authorized by the Fielder Grade Crossing Act and probably greater than that for the first five years recommended in our 1962 report. It would be our recommendation that the proceeds of any funds outlined in this statement be used for grade

crossing eliminations on any route over which passenger trains operate provided the improvement of such route is a part of the rail program.

Organization to Carry Out the Improvement Program

Much of the testimony before this Committee has been concerned with the creation of an agency to deal with rail transportation. In my view the type of organization is only a part of the solution. Equally important is a feasible program and provision of the means to carry it out. In this statement both are defined.

Although there is no State department presently empowered to carry out the program I have outlined, the establishment of a separate agency to do so is not in my opinion in the public interest. It is vital that rail transportation activities be coordinated with those in other forms of transport and most particularly with the State's highway program. A new organization will not achieve that coordination, nor will an autonomous authority provide the necessary safeguards for State interests.

Consolidation of all transportation planning, construction, regulation and other activities into a single Department of Transportation has considerable merit. However, such a restructuring of the State government should not be undertaken hastily nor can the State's

transportation problems be shelved until such action is taken. It is imperative that we move forward promptly on the type of program outlined herein and for that reason I recommend the creation of a Public Transportation Agency within the framework of the State Highway Department. This Agency, which would replace the present Division of Railroad Transportation in this Department, should have the power to (1) acquire or lease property required for the performance of rail or bus passenger service determined by prescribed procedures to be essential to the transportation needs of the State, (2) contract with rail or bus carriers or other qualified organizations for the operation of such essential service at specified fares, (3) make improvements in the equipment and facilities used in the provision of this service and (4) enter into agreements with Federal agencies in connection with whatever assistance is available for public transportation purposes. The Agency would also be responsible for comprehensive planning for public transportation and integrating it with that for highway development.

Financing of Improvements

No program will work nor can any type of organization make it work unless adequate funds are available. In our opinion the capital improvement program recommended herein should be financed in an amount of $150 million. This amount could be used for rail and bus equipment, new rail connections, construction of exclusive bus lanes, purchase of existing rail rights-of-way, grade separations, modernizing

stations, parking areas, signal and power systems, mechanized ticket validating, etc. The State would retain title to all equipment or facilities financed by these funds and would have equity in improvements made to all facilities on land owned or leased by the State.

The amount of $150 million is insufficient by itself to accomplish the entire rail improvement and grade separation programs. It is anticipated that not only will Federal funds be made available after July 1, 1967, the expiration date of the present program, but that the Federal share of programs will increase as comprehensive planning is accomplished in the metropolitan areas. It is on this basis that the amount of $150 million is recommended.

Other Railroads

The New Jersey and New York Railroad needs the same improvements that have been outlined for the other carriers including the more direct mid-town connection via transfer to the PRR in the Meadows. Subsidy at approximately $150,000 per year should be anticipated until the improvements have been accomplished.

The Reading Railroad passenger service should be continued until the Aldene Plan is in effect and for six months thereafter to determine the effect on patronage. Subsidy at about $60,000 annually should be planned during this period.

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad passenger service continues to decline and the number of passengers it now carries is so small that the economic justification for continuing to subsidize this service needs to be reappraised.

The Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines service is being replaced on several routes by rapid transit service to be operated by the Delaware River Port Authority, the first being the Camden-Kirkwood Line. The commuter service to Atlantic City should be continued and operated with modern equipment to see if greater patronage can be developed. A park and ride station convenient to the Garden State Parkway should be tested to determine if more economic arrangement of bus and rail service could be provided for Cape May County passengers.

Engineering studies have indicated that a roadway could be constructed on the New York Central, West Shore Division right-of-way for about $5 million for exclusive use of buses. There are still plans for extending the New Jersey Turnpike to connect with the New York Thruway. If this is done and the Turnpike extension route follows the Hackensack River Valley the exclusive bus route construction on the West Shore would not be advisable. It is essential that the West Shore right-of-way be preserved for mass transportation services until a decision on the Turnpike extension is made.

Tunnels and Trucks

I cannot let this opportunity go by without mentioning one of my favorite remedies for the congestion that exists in the tunnels

during the morning and evening rush hours. I have long advocated that trucks be prevented from using these facilities during these peak periods but none of those consulted has shown much interest in the idea. As an alternative, the tolls for trucks in the rush hours could be doubled and this might result in some voluntary adjustments that would ease the pressure during these rush periods.

Planning

Transportation problems - like all other problems - do not remain static and the State must always look forward to the future. By placing the suggested Public Transportation Agency in the Highway Department, I believe we can accomplish a high degree of integrated transportation planning on the State level. Yet New Jersey is only part of two giant metropolitan complexes - one in the north and one in the south. We believe it is essential that the State's transportation planning be coordinated with other States through continued participation in the Tri-State Transportation Commission and by the enactment of legislation creating an interstate official planning body in the Camden-Philadelphia area as has been enacted in the State of Pennsylvania.

STATISTICAL SECTION

BRIDGE DIVISION
PERSONNEL ALLOCATION
NOVEMBER 1965

BUREAU OF DESIGN	Number of Contracts	Number of Structures	Number of Personnel
Active Projects	16	30	33*
Inactive Projects	5	5	

DESIGN BY CONSULTANTS	Number of Contracts	Number of Structures	Number of Personnel
Subject to Bridge Division Review	48	281	4** Bridge Division Employees Assigned to review & process

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION

Dollar Value	Number of Contracts	Number of Structures	Number of Personnel
$52,529,190.92	37	215	130

Changes This Month:

Contracts Awarded:	3	Contracts Completed:	3
Structures Started:	6	Structures Completed	4
Men Added:	2	Men Left:	0

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	Number of Personnel
	10

(*) These employees also engaged in checking shop drawings for contracts presently under construction.

(**) These employees also engaged in reviewing and processing design and maintenance contracts prepared by office design forces.

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ROUTE	SECTION	PROCESSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	% PLANS COMPLETE	TARGET DATE FOR ADVERTISING
US1		Ryders Lane - New Structure	60	
US1		Raritan Railroad - Widening	5	
*US1		Raritan River Bridge	3	
US1		12th St. Viaduct (Hardesty & Hanover)		
*3		N.Y.S.&W.R.R. - Deck Repair	6	1965
7		Overpass at D.L.&W.R.R.	5	
*9		Cape May Canal - Bulkhead	60	
15		3 Bridges, 3 Culverts (Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff)		
17	5E	U.P. at Relocated Hollywood Avenue	99	
17 Improvement		4 Bridges - From Rt. 3 to Rt. 46 (Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff)		
20	2A	6 Bridges - Paterson Peripheral Route		
21		Newark Viaduct - Deck Repairs & Barrier	15	
21Frwy		13 Bridges - From South Parkway to Clifton Avenue (Edwards & Kelcey)		
21Frwy	4A	5 Bridges; 1 Culvert; 7 Walls; 1 Protective Structure (Edwards & Kelcey)		
22		1 Structure - Colesbury Road	100	
22		Viaduct over Waverly Yards	0	
23		? Bridges - From County Road 513 to Vic. of Stockholm, Passaic & Morris Counties (DeLeuw, Cather & Company)		
29Frwy	12B&11A	7 Bridges (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike)		
33	4	2 Structures	5	
33	5B	2 Culvert Ext.; 1 Bridge Widening	100	

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ROUTE	SECTION	PROCESSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	% PLANS COMPLETE	TARGET DATE FOR ADVERTISING
35Frwy		21 Structures (Porter,Armstrong,Ripa & Ass.)		
35Frwy	1A&2A	6 Bridges (Porter,Armstrong,Ripa & Assoc.)		
35 Improvement		2 Bridge Widenings (Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff)		
37		Bridge over Barnegat Bay	3	
45	6B&1C	Mantua Creek Bridge Widening	5	
46		Pedestrian Bridge 6th St.	80	
46	2A	1 Structure - Widening	100	
55		6 Structures - Millville By-Pass	82	
72		3 Structures - Ocean County	100	
73	5&6	2 Culverts	50	
76	1A	3 Bridges, 1 Rapid Transit Tunnel (Ammann & Whitney)		
78		3 Structures - Berkeley Hgts. to Shunpike Road (Madigan-Hyland)		
78	2G	3 Bridges; 3 Culverts (Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas)		
78	2L	5 Bridges; 3 Culverts; Sign Support Struc. (Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas)		
78	4G&4F	2 Bridges (Brill Engineering)		
78	4N&5P	3 Bridges (Madigan-Hyland)		
78	5L	5 Bridges (Madigan-Hyland)		
78-69		8 Structures - Clinton Point Interchange (Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas		

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ROUTE	SECTION	PROCESSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	% PLANS COMPLETE	TARGET DATE FOR ADVERTISING
78	5U	6 Bridges; 7 O.H. Sign Support Struc.; 1 Bus Shelter - Port St. Interchange (Madigan-Hyland)		
78	5V	7 Bridges; 1 Culvert - Port St. Intchg. (Madigan-Hyland)		
78		9 Bridges - Haynes Ave. Interchange (Madigan-Hyland)		
78		3 Bridges - Port St. Interchange (Madigan-Hyland)		
78		6 Bridges - Springfield to Walker Ave.		
80		? Bridges - Hope (Rt.519) to Columbia (Madigan-Hyland)		
80	1	10 Bridges; 5 Culverts - From County Road 519 to Point 0.3 miles west of Morris Canal (King & Gavaris)		
80	3	18 Bridges (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike)		
80	4	7 Bridges (Hardesty & Hanover)		
80	3F	4 Bridges; 2 Culverts (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike)		
80	3K	3 Bridges (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike)		
80	3J&4AA	3 Bridges (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike)		
80	4AB	Pedestrian Overpass	100	
87		Brigantine Bridge over Absecon Inlet	1	
95	19A	2 Bridges; O.H.Sign Supports (Madigan-Hyland)		
*US130		Route 33 and P.R.R. Underpass	2	
US130		3 Culvert Extensions (John G. Reutter Assoc.)		
169		1 Viaduct for Turnpike Connector (DeLeuw, Cather & Co.)		

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ROUTE	SECTION	PROCESSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	% PLANS COMPLETE	TARGET DATE FOR ADVERTISING
208		3 Structures - Widening	30	
278	1D	2 Bridges; 3 Culverts (Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas)		
280		6 Structures - From Rt. 80 Intchg. to Pleasure Valley Way (Clarke, Hartman & Dunn)		
280	1C,2A,3C	3 Bridges; 2 Culverts (Clarke,Hartman&Dunn)		
280	4D&5K	6 Bridges; Walls (Edwards & Kelcey)		
280	5L&6N	6 Bridges; Retaining Walls; Sign Structures (Edwards & Kelcey)		
280	6F	7 Bridges; Retain.Walls; O.H.Sign Support Newark Section (Parsons,Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas)		
280	7D	1 Viaduct (Parsons,Brinckerhoff,Quade&Douglas)		
287		1 Bridge - From Rt. 1 to N.J. Turnpike (Madigan-Hyland)		
287	8,9,10	7 Bridges - Passaic River to Route 10 (Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff)		
287	8A&9A	4 Bridges; 8 Culverts (Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff)		
287	10B&11B	3 Culverts (Howard,Needles,Tammen&Bergendoff)		
295	1R	2 Culverts (Taylor,Wiseman,Taylor & Sleeper)		
295	1S	6 Culverts; 2 Bridges (Taylor, Wiseman, Taylor & Sleeper)		
295	3	? Bridges - Burlington-Mt. Holly Road to Florence-Columbus Road, Burlington County (Taylor, Wiseman, Taylor & Sleeper)		
440		20 Bridges (Tentative) - From US1 to Outer Bridge Crossing (Madigan-Hyland)		
Morris County		Howard Blvd.& DL&WRR Br. at Co.Rt. 264	95	

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ROUTE	SECTION	PROCESSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	% PLANS COMPLETE	TARGET DATE FOR ADVERTISING
Middlesex County		2 Culverts-Easton Ave.Improvement(Goodkind&O'Dea)		
McGuire A.F.B.		2 Culverts for Defense Access Road (Porter, Armstrong, Ripa & Assoc.)		

ROUTE	SECTION	PROJECTS SENT TO BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS FOR APPROVAL
78	4J	1 Bridge; 1 Culvert
78	5N	3 Bridges; 1 Culvert
78	2M&3E	9 Bridges; 2 Culverts; 2 Sign Structures
280	5J	Erie-Lackawanna R.R. Bridge Underpass

	PROJECTS ADVERTISED FOR BIDS	DATE OF BID
SUSSEX COUNTY	Bridge No. 483 over Branch of Pequannock River	12/23/65

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ROUTE	SECTION	NAME OF PROJECT	% OF COMPLETION
*US1&9	1B&2F	Bridge Deck Rehab-Over PRR & Passaic River, Essex & Hudson Counties. Contractor: Schiavone Construction Co.	100
17	5C	4 Structures - Intchg, at Linwood Avenue & Paramus Road, Bergen County. Contractor: Schiavone Construction Co.	88
18	2A&1C	Bridge & Approaches at Lawrence Brook, Middlesex County. Contractor: Willis & Paul	67
36	2B&3C	7 Structures - Palmer Ave. to First Avenue, Monmouth County. Contractor: Sam Braen Construction Co.	77
38	1F&2C	4 Structures - Intchg. at Rts. 38, 41 & 73, Burlington-Camden Counties. Contractor: Hendrickson Bros., Inc.	1
US46	9B	Troy Brook Culvert Ext., Morris County Contractor: J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc.	0
US46 23	18A 3B	Pedestrian Bridges at St. Phillips Drive and Roosevelt Ave., Passaic & Morris Co. Contractor: Mohawk Constructors, Inc.	0
55 Fwy.	5A&6A	3 Structures-Schooner Landing Rd. to Rt. 49, Cumberland County. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	0
70	14A	3 Structures-Cedar Bridge Rd. to Laurelton Circle, Ocean County. Contractor: Manzo Contracting Co.	29
78	3F	8 Structures, Cokesbury Rd. to County Rt. 523, Hunterdon County. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	99

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ROUTE	SECTION	NAME OF PROJECT	% OF COMPLETION
78	3G	11 Structures-From County Rt. 523 to Burnt Mills Road, Hunterdon-Somerset Counties. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	99
78	4E	2 Structures - From Stony Hill Road to E. of Plainfield Ave., Somerset & Union Counties. Contractor: Mal-Bros Contracting Co.	73
78	4H	7 Structures-From King Geo. Road to Horse Shoe Road, Somerset & Morris Co. Contractor: Conduit & Foundation Corp.	90
78 & 287	4K 4E&5J	3 Overhead Sign Support Structures, Somerset County. Contractor: PT&L Construction Co.	0
78	4L	7 Structures, From Rt. 287 to King George Road, Somerset County. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	98
78 & 24 Fwy. 24	5J 12A 13C	23 Structures, W. of Shunpike Rd. to Springfield Ave.; Erie-Lack. R.R. to Baltusrol Rd., Essex & Union Counties. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	5
80	4M	Viaducts, Walls & Bridges, Passaic County. Contractor: Schiavone Construction Co.	99
80 & US46	4S & 12B	15 Bridges, 3 Trestles, Culv. Ext. Ret. Wall, 23 Sign Structures, Passaic County. Contractor: Franklin Contracting Co.	4
80	4Z	Permanent Signs - Garden State Parkway to Senate Street, Bergen County. Contractor: Whitmyer Bros., Inc.	100
172	1B	Pedestrian Bridge at George St., Middlesex Co. Contractor: John W. Thompson Co.	100
278	1B	O.P. at Park Ave.; U.P. at Rel. Brunswick Ave. Union County. Contractor: Schiavone Construction Co.	7

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ROUTE	SECTION	NAME OF PROJECT	% OF COMPLETION
278	1C	Protective Struc. for Jt. Trunk Sewer, Union County. Contractor: A. Tomae & Sons	0
280	3B&4C	5 Structures - Roosevelt Ave. to W. of Tulip Ave., Essex County. Contractor: S. J. Groves & Sons Co.	4
280	5F,6B,7A	Drainage Tunnel, Essex County Contractor: James McHugh Construction Co.	95
280	6D	7 Structures-From Harrison St. to Munn Ave., Essex County. Contractor: Mohawk Constr. & PT&L Constr. Co.	43
280	6E	6 Bridges, Walls & Sign Structures, Essex County. Contractor: Ell-Dorer Contr. & L.Zimmerman&Sons	10
280	7B	Storm Trunk Drain, City of Newark Essex County. Contractor: Peter W. Kero, Inc.	23
287	6E	4 Structures - From 1000' North of Far Hills Road to US202-206, Somerset County. Contractor: Hess Bros.	98
287	6F&7B	4 Structures - From Mt. Airy Rd. to N. of Far Hills Rd., Somerset County. Contractor: Geo. M. Brewster & Son	95
287	7C	11 Structures - From North of Morris-Somerset Co. Line to South of Mt. Airy Road, Morris-Somerset County. Contractor: PT&L Construction Co.	8
295	1N	7 Structures - Hollywood Ave. to Pedricktown Road, Salem County. Contractor: Public Constructors, Inc.	98

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ROUTE	SECTION	NAME OF PROJECT	% OF COMPLETION
295	1P	4 Structures - Oak Grove Rd. to Oldmans Creek Road, Gloucester County. Contractor: Franklin Contracting Co.	65
295	1U&2M	Fence Constr.-Wilson Ave. to Vic. Church Rd. - 7 Bridges, Camden-Burlington Counties Contractor: Aluminum Fence Co. of America	32
295 & 38	2J 2D&3A	10 Structures - From Rt. 73 to Vic. of Rt. 38 and from Marter Avenue to Vic. Briggs Road, Burlington County. Contractor: Hendrickson Bros., Inc.	59

BRIDGES OFF STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM:

COUNTY	NAME OF PROJECT	% OF COMPLETION
Essex County	South Orange Ave. over Slough Brook Bridge Contractor: Tri County Asphalt Corp.	41
Sussex County	Bridge #6 over Pequest River. Contractor: Willis & Paul	86
Aldene Plan	3 R.R. Bridges, Commuter Facility & 4 Retaining Walls, Union County. Contractor: Robert Bossert & Co.	48
Aldene Plan Contr.#5	Central Ave. Ext. Viaduct, Union Co. Contractor: J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	0

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Division: of Roads, Design & Construction

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ROUTE	SECTION	LOCATION	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED Nov. 1.65	Dec. 1.65
1 & 9	6-B	Drainage Revision	47%	47%
1	8-D	Widening, Resurfacing and Barrier Curb	99%	100%
9	22B & 23C	Resurfacing and Dualization	96%	99%
15	2-A	Dualization	82%	90%
17	5-C	Grading, Paving, Bridges and Walls	63%	68%
18	2A & 1C	Bridge and Approaches	56%	66%
22	13C & 14D	Resurfacing and Drainage	90%	100%
23	5A & 4A	Grading, Paving and Bridges	85%	92%
27	6-C	Drainage Revision	86%	94%
29	5A & 6A	Selective Thinning	60%	82%
32	1-A	Grading, Drainage and Paving	0%	3%
33	5-A	Dualization and Resurfacing	1%	8%
35	10-B	Widening, Resurfacing, Barrier Curb and Bridges	96%	98%
36	2B & 3C	Widening, Resurfacing, Barrier Curb and Bridges	44%	54%
37	1-B	Resurfacing, Dualization and Drainage	4%	16%
37	9-A	Widening and Intersection Revision	45%	82%
38	1F & 2C	Interchange	5%	11%
69-2-2	1A & 2B	Grading and Dualization	95%	98%
70	1-B	Widening, Resurfacing, Barrier Curbs & Bridge	99%	100%
70	14-A	Dualization, Resurfacing & Widening Bridges	18%	29%
78	3-F	Grading, Drainage, Paving and Bridges	70%	84%
78	3-G	Grading, Drainage, Paving and Bridges	84%	89%
78	4-E	Grading, Paving and Bridges	58%	61%
78	4-H	Grading, Bridges and Incidental Paving	74%	80%
78	4-K Etc.	Grading, Paving and Signs	39%	44%
78	4-L	Grading, Bridges and Incidental Paving	90%	92%
78	5-J	Intersection Revisions	5%	10%
78	5-T	Wet Excavation and Zone 2 Refill	83%	90%
80	3-E	Grading, Drainage, Bridge and Culvert	94%	99%
80	4-H	Grading, Bridges and Walls	97%	97%
80	4-S	Grading, Paving and Bridges	2%	4%
80	4-Z	Permanent Signs	74%	74%
169	1-A	Sand Drains, Grading and Drainage	0%	7%
202	3-B	Jughandles and Island Closings	23%	52%
202	6-A	Grading, Drainage, Paving and Bridges	93%	98%
278	1-A	Relocation of Approach to Goethals Bridge	92%	100%
278	1-B	Grading, Paving and Bridge	2%	10%
278	1-C	Incidental Paving, Drainage, Etc.	4%	16%
280	3B & 4C	Grading, Drainage and Incidental Paving	2%	7%
280	5-F Etc.	Drainage Tunnel	80%	92%
280	6-D	Grading, Drainage and Incidental Paving	37%	43%
280	6-E	Grading, Drainage, Paving and Bridges	17%	22%
287	6-E	Grading, Paving and Bridges	89%	91%
287	6F & 7B	Grading, Paving and Bridges	78%	79%
287	7-C	Grading, Paving and Bridge	4%	7%
287	9A & 10A	Partial Grading and Drainage	51%	73%
295	1-N	Grading, Bridges and Incidental Paving	93%	100%
295	1-P	Bridges and Incidental Paving	46%	58%
295	2-J Etc.	Grading, Paving and Bridges	40%	44%
440	2-B	Island Closings and Turnarounds	62%	74%
440	2-C	Widening, Resurfacing, Dualization & Turnarounds	67%	78%
		Aldene Plan, Contract #4	28%	39%
		Landscape Screen Planting, Contract #3	0%	12%

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Division: of Roads, Design & Construction

Bureau: of Roads

PROJECTS AWARDED IN NOVEMBER

Route U.S. 46, Section 9-B - Widening, Resurfacing and Turnarounds. Awarded to J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc. on November 16, 1965.

Route 34, Section 5-A - Intersection Revision. Awarded to Jannarone Engineering Company on November 16, 1965.

PROJECTS ACCEPTED IN NOVEMBER

Route 49, Section 9-A - Channelization. Accepted November 5, 1965.

Route 287, Section 5D & Route 202-206, Section 1-A - Grading, Paving and Bridges. Accepted November 18, 1965.

GENERAL NOTES

As of December 1, 1965, there were 55 active projects underway, valued at approximately $133,000,000. and being inspected by 316 men, exclusive of Bridge Personnel, assigned to the Construction Division.

Bridge work is included in the value of these projects.

Robert R. Rice

R. R. Rice
Supervising Construction Engineer

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Division: Local Government Aid

Bureau: Federal Aid Secondary

REVIEWING PRELIMINARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Hazen-Bridgeville Rd. RR. Overpass, Warren County, S103(4)

Columbia Road, Morris County, SU187(5)

Whippany Road, Morris County, SU122(4)

Washington Avenue, Bergen County, SU88(2)

Avalon Boulevard, Cape May County, S256(1)

Traffic Control Devices, Ocean County, S9999(1)

Howard Boulevard, Morris County, S255(1)

Franklin Boulevard, Somerset County, SU185(3)

Railroad Avenue, Monmouth County, SU264(1)

Bridge #483 over Pequannock River, Sussex County, S263(1)

BIDS RECEIVED:

Boonton Turnpike, Morris County, S186(5)

ACCEPTED AS COMPLETE:

South Main Street, Somerset County, SU117(6)

Forest Avenue Extension, Bergen County, SU210(4)

NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT

MONTHLY WORK REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1965

A. SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Engine Crankshaft P. T. O. Adapter Modification - Five, 1964, R-200 dump trucks are scheduled to be modified for the installation of the front mounted pumps on the new hopper type hydraulic spreaders. First modification is 80% complete.

2. Cobra Gasoline Powered Breaker Demonstration - Breaker demonstrated on November 18. Machine is manufactured in Belgium. Performs satisfactorily for light work.

3. Acker Core Drill Truck - Three representatives from the Department made an inspection trip to Acker Drill Company in Scranton, Pennsylvania to insure proper drill installation in new truck.

4. Fabrication of All Steel Rack Body on GMC, E961 - Body fabricated so truck can be used to transport snow plows and blades. Fabrication is 80% complete.

5. New Building Maintenance Building - Building is closed in, boiler in place, 70% completed. Electricity to be installed within two weeks.

6. Fluid Power Transmission Show - Two personnel attended hydraulic show on October 27 in West Orange Armory, West Orange, New Jersey.

7. Giant-Vac Demonstration - Gasoline powered shop vacuum cleaner demonstrated at Fernwood, November 30. Machine performed exceptionally well and will be considered for future purchase.

8. Preventative Maintenance Program - Revised P-M schedules to be issued to all Department garages by December 17, thereafter each garage will be visited to make certain that all P-M schedules are being followed. Master Control Center being established at Fernwood for scheduling repairs, and for identification and location of all Department equipment.

B. TRAINING

1. Winter Spreader Program - Bureau personnel presented new spreader concept and power train design to District 4 personnel at their snow meeting. Helpful hints on spreader P-M and operation were also presented. A training program for the operation of new spreaders is being developed in conjunction with the Maintenance Bureau.

C. ADMINISTRATION

1. Specifications and Order Requests Completed - (1965-1966 Fiscal Year)

Month - 15 Fiscal Year - 71

2. New Equipment Received

ITEM	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
Homelite Electric Generator	1	Signs and Lines Section
Bosch Elec. Builders Hammer	1	" " " "
" " Pavement Breaker	1	" " " "
Fitchburg Brush Chipper	1	Service
Snow Plows	20	Serviced for assignment and installation.

3. Disposed of Equipment - None

4. Leases - Negotiated - 2
Cancelled - 1
Leases in effect - 99

5. Claims

* Accident Reports Received

Type	No. per Month	No. per Fiscal Year
Billable	14	75
Non-Billable	8	76
No Insurance Coverage	20	70
Total Accident Reports Recd.	42	221

Payments Received				Number Claims Initiated		Number Claims Pending
Number		Amount				
Month	Fiscal Year	Month	Fiscal Year	Month	Fiscal Year	
15	54	$983.90	$5,016.91	18	76	29

Personal Injury Reports Received and Processed

No. per month 11

No. per Fiscal Year 48

* SR-1 forms processed and filed with Division of Motor Vehicles in all Department accidents involving personal injury or property damage in excess of $100.00.

D. INVENTORY

Cars			Total - 445
Trucks			Total - 951
Road Equipment -	Heavy duty, self-propelled	- 108	
	Light duty, self-propelled	- 494	
	Rolling, self-powered	- 188	
	Rolling, all other	- 519	
	Portable, self powered	- 119	
	Powered Accessories	- 461	
	Mechanical Accessories	- 43	
	Miscellaneous	- 34	
			Total - 1966
Snow Plows			Total - 1162
	Total Inventory		- 4524

E. PRODUCTION

LOCATION	NO. REPAIRS AND/OR PROJECTS					
	MAJOR		MINOR		MISCELLANEOUS	
	Month	Fiscal Year	Month	Fiscal Year	Month	Fiscal Year
Fernwood Shops-Total	568	3140	301	1724	595	3246
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District #1 *						
Clinton	106	488	345	1669	310	1073
Netcong	85	384	146	686	55	174
Total	191	872	491	2355	365	1247
District #2						
Avenel	22	118	37	181	162	807
Lodi	57	174	88	271	175	707
Newark	40	141	45	623	140	603
Total	119	453	170	1075	477	2117
District #3						
Toms River	17	217	47	196	169	727
Total	17	217	47	196	169	727
District #4						
Cherry Hill	50	247	84	334	440	2196
Hammonton	43	130	56	244	76	396
Vineland	110	416	160	508	155	659
Total	203	793	300	1086	671	3251
Total of all Districts	530	2335	1008	4712	1682	7342
Total of all Districts and Fernwood	1098	5475	1309	6436	2277	10,588

* Branchville not operating as a garage.

F. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECTION

Completions	No. Completions	No. Fiscal Year
Structural		
Alterations	8	30
Repaired	4	15
New	4	15
Mechanical		
Alterations	6	20
Repairs	23	94
New	8	33
Total	53	207

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Bureau: Electrical

OPERATION

25 movable bridges, full time; 9 on notice, 2 closed to navigation.

MAINTENANCE

1,212 traffic signals, 5 lane control systems, 626 illuminated signs, 36 movable bridges, 425 mobile radio units, 11 base stations, 5,852 State maintained lighting units. Replacement, equipment knocked down, 64 locations.

CONSTRUCTION BY BUREAU FORCES

1 new traffic signal, 2 traffic signals removed, 22 traffic signal revisions, 4 completed, 59 traffic signals under construction.

CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACT

Route 80, Section 5W - 100% complete.
Route 80, Section 4, Electrical Contract #2 - 21% complete.
Route 295, Section 2, Electrical Contract #3 - 0% complete.

DESIGN BY BUREAU FORCES

Highway Lighting, Route I-80, Howard Boulevard to Route 46 - 20% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route 78 from Still Valley to Pattenburg Road - 10% complete.
Traffic Signals for roadway construction - 10 partially complete, 1 complete.
5 field surveys and drawings for Traffic Operations Section.
Specifications prepared - Construction Division - 1.

DESIGN BY CONSULTANTS

Highway Lighting, Route 78, Sections 5P, 5N, 5K, and 5M - 80% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route 78, Port Street Interchange, Newark, 95% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route I-80, West of Parkway, Contracts 3, 4, 5 - 91% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route 295, Section 2, Contract #4 - 35% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route 280, Sections 3B & 4C - 98% complete.
Highway Lighting, Route 278, Section 1D - 50% complete.

INSPECTION

60 PUO relocations; 6 FAS projects; electrical work in 45 road and bridge construction projects; 2 prime electrical contracts.

NEGOTIATIONS

5 traffic signals under negotiation; 5 completed.
6 field inspections and contacts with local officials, 4 on traffic signals, 2 on highway ltg

CLAIMS

Payments received, $3,979.72.
Property damage claims set up, 106.
Traffic signal cost-sharing claims set up, 29.
Work Orders issued resulting in claims, 38.

PLANS REVIEWED

Construction Division - 7.
Bridge Division - 4.

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Bureau: Traffic Operations Section, Traffic Regulations Section, Sign Engineering.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS SECTION

	RECEIVED	COMPLETED
Traffic Signal Requests (New)	5	
Recommended		6
Not Recommended		3
Traffic Signal Requests (Revisions)	-	2
Traffic Engineering Investigations	28	32
Contract Drawing Review	5	7
Signal Layout and Design	-	2

Conferences with public officials - 9

Work backlog:	Requests for new traffic signals	- 81
	Requests for investigations at existing traffic signals	- 71
	Requests for revisions at existing traffic signals	- 1
	Requests to review contract drawings	- 8

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SECTION

Hazardous locations investigated - 40. Of these, 21 were sites where fatal accidents have occurred.

General Investigations and Meetings

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Rt. 17	Bergen County, Ridgewood Village; investigation of signs and lines at Linwood Avenue and Route 17.
Rt. US22	Somerset County, North Plainfield; measuring of third lane at traffic signals.
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Rt. US130	Camden County, Brooklawn Borough; driveway opening twin circles.
Rt. 165	Hunterdon County, City of Lambertville; investigation of parking.
Rt. 295	Burlington County, Moorestown Township; investigation of "Stop" signs ramp to Moorestown.
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Construction plans for Interstate system in Phase 2 and 3 submissions.	1	1	

Man hours spent on:

Investigations for sign revisions	- 288
Preparation and revision of contract specifications	- 15
Reviewing sign layouts with Consultants, Turnpike and Port Authority for Interstate projects.	- 14
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Bureau: Maintenance

ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Equipment and Method Evaluation - New spreader units were inspected during their construction at the manufacturers plant in Iowa. The maintenance program of the Iowa State Highway Department was observed.

Bridge Painting By Contract - Plans and Specifications are being prepared for five bridge painting contracts. Painting is to be done in the Spring of 1966 on a total of 39 bridges.

Fence Erection, Route I-76 - Plans and Specifications are being prepared for fence erection by Contract.

Guard Rail, Route 1 & 9, Newark - Investigation being conducted for erection of median guard rail in the vicinity of Newark Airport.

ROADS

Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing - By Contract:

Route 24, Section 7B, from 700' East of Normandy Parkway, Township of Morris, to vicinity of Kings Road, Borough of Madison.

Contract $90,100 Completed to Date 87%

Route 28, Section 3C, from Middle Brook to vicinity of East Street, Borough of Bound Brook.

Contract $26,150 Completed to Date 4%

Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing - By Department:

Districts	1	2	3	4
Program	16,330	15,160	15,653	19,610
Completed Prior to November	7,730	15,160	14,753	19,610
During November	6,800			
Total Completed	14,530	15,160	14,753	19,610

SIGNS & LINES

Traffic Line Painting - By Contract: All contracts for traffic line painting are now completed.

Contract #1	Lin. Ft.	Completed	
4" White	2,363,476	1,174,798	First Painting
		1,138,959	Second Painting
		2,313,757	Completed
4" Yellow	939,916	466,618	First Painting
		473,958	Second Painting
		940,576	Completed
6" White	89,674	44,704	First Painting
		44,837	Second Painting
		89,541	Completed
Contract #2			
4" White	7,157,262	6,702,169	Completed
Contract #3			
4" White	7,992,797	7,954,716	Completed

Traffic Line Painting - By Department:

	4" Lane Line	4" Edge Line	6" Line
Completed Prior to November	10,749,320 L.F.	1,578,523 L.F.	748,942 L.F.
During November	994,460 L.F.	1,183,355 L.F.	54,988 L.F.
Total	11,743,780 L.F.	2,761,878 L.F.	803,930 L.F.

Signs - Fabricated and Erected by Department:

	Fabricated	Erected
Completed Prior to November	14,683	14,559
During November	1,191	1,625
Total	15,874	16,184

BRIDGES

Bridge Rehabilitation By Contract:

Route	Bridge	Plan Preparation	Status of Plans or Work
1 & 9	Over Pennsylvania R.R. & Passaic River-Deck Repairs	Under Construction	100%
21	Waverly Yards R.R. Deck Repairs	Bridge Division	15%
322	Folsom - Deck Repairs	Under Construction	100%
130	R.R. Overpass Hightstown	Bridge Division	2% *
1	Raritan River - New Brunswick	Bridge Division	3% *
3	NYS & W R.R. - Deck Repairs	Bridge Division	6%
9	Cape May Canal-Bulkhead	Bridge Division	60%

* Work stopped pending decision on design of new structure.

Bridge Fencing By Contract:

Route	Bridge	Plan Preparation	Status of Plans or Work
1	State St., Trenton	Complete	Material Request Processed
1	Perry St., Trenton	Complete	Material Request Processed
3	Paterson Plank Road & Pedestrian Bridge	Complete	Complete
18	County Route 527 Old Bridge	Complete	Complete
21	Entine Road, Delawanna	Complete	Material Request Processed
29	Calhoun Street, Trenton	Complete	Material Request Processed
30	Baird Boulevard, Camden	Complete	Material Request Processed

Bridge Fencing By Contract:

Route	Bridge	Plan Preparation	Status of Plans or Work
37	Route 130 Overpass, Yardville	Complete	Material Request Processed
42	Market Street, Haddon Township	Complete	Complete
280	Clifton Avenue, Newark	Complete	Material Request Processed
280	Nesbitt Street, Newark	Complete	Material Request Processed
130	Groveville Road, Yardville	Complete	Material Request Processed
130	Crosswicks Road, Yardville	Complete	Material Request Processed

CONSTRUCTION

Maintenance Forces - Institutional Roads:

Department	Total Projects Fiscal Year	Completed Fiscal Year	Completed In November	In Progress During November
Institutions & Agencies	13	5	-	4
Law & Public Safety	3	3	1	1
Education	3	1	-	-
Defense	7	3	1	1
Conservation	10	5	-	2
Purchase & Property	1	-	-	-
Buildings & Grounds	1	1	1	1

Projects Completed:

Division of Motor Vehicle - Construction and erection of signs and posts.

National Guard Armory, Mount Holly - Paint 4,734 L.F. of 4" white lines.

Fernwood Garage - Resurfacing and road improvement.

Maintenances Forces - Highway Projects:

Department	Total Projects Fiscal Year	Completed Fiscal Year	Completed In November	In Progress During November
Channelization	10	7	1	1
Drainage	8	6	2	2
Miscellaneous	10	6	-	-

Projects Completed:

Route 29, Ewing Township - Drainage improvement.

Route 1 & 9, North Bergen Township - Island opening.

Route 71, Sea Girt - Drainage improvement.

LANDSCAPE

Route 30, Atlantic City - Trimming of 85 Sycamore trees between Virginia Avenue and South Carolina Avenue has been completed by the Delaware Valley Tree Service.

Route 287, Somerville to South Bound Brook - Cutting of center median drainage slots has been completed.

Route 322, Williamstown - Center median berm has been removed for one mile and all cut areas have been fertilized and seeded.

Route 295, Gloucester County - 172 trees and 1,300 shrubs have been planted for erosion control.

PERMITS

Permit Forms - Printing of new forms has been postponed pending further revision.

Control of Roadside Advertising -

Route 295 - Lighting violation corrected.
Route 287 - Violation referred to Attorney Generals' office.
Route 80 - Violation to be removed and reconstructed to comply with regulations.
Route 80 - Two billboards within the control area have been screened.

Monthly Meeting - Agenda included new construction access, high traffic volume generators and complex driveway designs.

Permits Issued By District Offices:

Districts	1	2	3	4	Total
Prior to November	669	704	1,013	919	3,305
During November	80	61	116	92	349
Total	749	765	1,129	1,011	3,654

WINTER MAINTENANCE PREPARATIONS

Operation "Check Out"- On November 5 an inspection was conducted to determine Department and Contractor readiness for snow removal and ice control. Reports were forwarded to Trenton and results were very satisfactory.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Protection of Personnel - A survey of public shelter potential for field employees has been completed.

Mobilization and Operation - A plan was reviewed by a Department committee and is being revised according to their recommendation.

Radiological Monitoring - Monitoring training began on November 29 on a pilot basis.

Highway Traffic Regulation - A plan has been completed subject to approval of the Steering Committee.

Records Protection - A survey and study is being made of emergency records protection requirements. A preliminary list of recommendations has been prepared.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUREAU

A. Buildings & Grounds - Major Maintenance, Additions & Improvements

1. Yard & Buildings Lighting
(65-260) Crystal Lake - Work completed.
(66-312) Fort Lee - Replacement of electric service scheduled for December.
Pleasantville - Changes to service completed.
Bridgeport - Issued IBSR for lighting controls.

* 2. Newark Garage & Office Building - Exterior Renovations (64-219)
Final tracings and specifications received and being reviewed.

3. Newark Office & Garage - New Boiler (65-275)
Project being advertised for bids.

4. Metuchen Field Office - New Roof (65-278)
Order Request still being held by Purchasing---not yet released.

5. Columbia - Water Supply System (65-281)
Order Request still being held by Purchasing---not yet released.

6. Columbia - Sanitary System & Facilities (65-282)
Work in progress---30% completed.

** 7. Maintenance Yard Fencing - Various Yards
Waiting action by Purchase Bureau on Order Request written in May 1965 on Project No. 65-283, 65-284, 65-285, 65-286.

8. Fernwood - Electrical Distribution System Study (66-305)
Conferences held on preliminary layout for supplementary electric feeder. Study to be co-ordinated with that of Main Office addition.

9. Sanitary Facilities, Maintenance Yards - Phase 3 (65-297)
Waiting for delivery of ordered chemical units.

* 10. Clinton Point Garage - Addition to Building (65-301)
Preliminary plans checked and being revised.

11. Vineland Garage - Boiler Replacement (66-304)
Project completed.

* 12. Wall Township - Addition to Building (Electrical) (66-309)
Preliminary plan checked and being revised.

* 13. Newark Garage & Office - Construction of Guard House (66-310)
Existing facilities being field checked following preliminary layout.

* 14. Cherry Hill - District Office Rearrangement #1 (65-273)
Waiting data from District Office and further field investigation.

* 15. Fernwood, Bldg. #1 - Permanent Exterior Repairs (66-315)
No progress. Order Request not yet released by Purchase Bureau.

* 16. Main Office - Partitioning Rooms 237 & 238 (66-316)
Old partition removed. Plans completed and Order Request submitted for new movable partitions.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965 (Cont'd)

A. Buildings & Grounds - Major Maintenance, Additions & Improvements (Cont'd)

** 17. Main Office - Partition for Right-of-Way Division (66-320)
Plans prepared, estimate made and permission requested from State House to perform work.

18. Totowa - Preliminary Renovations (66-321)
Work Order written for alterations to toilet room. Plans being made for installation of heating in temporary crews quarters.

B. Special Equipment

1. Newark Garage - Fume Exhaust System (65-277)
Waiting on final prints and specifications from Bur.of Construction for approval.

2. Mercer Airport - Fog Room Installation (66-322)
Lease prepared for signature with Mercer County. Plans prepared and material ordered by Division of Research and Development for installation by Building Maintenance Crew.

C. Site Development & Improvement

** 1. Clinton Point Garage - Yard Drainage (64-240)
Plans completed and Construction Work Order issued for additional yard drainage.

2. Frelinghuysen Twp. Elementary School - Well Contamination (64-230)
Contaminated well sealed off by well drillers.

* 3. Lodi Garage & Yard - Site Development (61-111)
Paving in front of building completed. Balance of work in this phase waiting delivery of pipe. Site being gradually filled as material becomes available.

* 4. Newark Garage - Fencing & Yard Development (60-043)
Further work temporarily deferred pending outcome of negotiations by ROW with City of Newark for additional property.

** 5. Secaucus - Yard Development (64-195)
No further work to date.

** 6. Pennsauken - Yard Development (65-279)
No further progress due to unavailability of forces.

* 7. Cherry Hill - Development of Maintenance Yard (65-249)
Construction started on entrance road to maintenance yard.

* 8. Glassboro - Site Development (64-208)
Further yard development held pending completion of new building.

** 9. Fairlawn - Development of Yard Site (65-245)
Waiting results of investigation of Division of Design for possible new site.

** 10. Netcong - Yard Development (65-272)
Arrangements being made for meeting with adjacent property owner for possible acquisition of additional site.

* 11. Cherry Hill - District Office, Final Site Development (65-289)
Parking area in front of building presently under construction. Final landscaping and building high lighting temporarily deferred pending completion of panel treatment.

** 12. Rockaway Twp. - Preliminary Site Development (65-294)
Site being gradually filled in. Final site plan to be developed in conjunction with architect to be assigned.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965 (Cont'd)

C. Site Development & Improvement (Cont'd)

* 13. Somerville - Yard Development (64-194)
Landscape 90% completed. Remainder of yard paving to be scheduled by District.

** 14. Butler - Existing Yard Improvements (66-306)
Waiting of processing of Order Requests for screen fencing and delivery of materials for temporary retaining wall.

* 15. Fernwood - Paving Yard Areas (64-220)
Project completed.

** 16. Fernwood - Building Maintenance Shop Site Development (66-312)
Site work delayed due to installation of proposed sewer and underground oil tank. Negotiations for sharing cost of sewer installation being carried on with Division of Purchase and Property.

D. Capital Building Construction

\# 1. New Garage & General Service Bldg. - Cherry Hill Twp. (60-047)
Bureau of Construction was again requested to complete project through bonding agent.

\# 2. Cherry Hill Garage & District Office - Addition to Bldg. (63-181)
Application on panels deferred till spring due to cold temperatures.

* 3. Somerville - New Maintenance Bldg. (60-060)
Project complete except for completion of front apron. Architect arranging for this work.

** 4. Fernwood - New Building Maintenance Shop (64-235)
Building closed-in except for overhead doors which have been held up by Purchase Bureau. Power panel installed and work on heating and ceiling installation started.

* 5. Lodi - New Maintenance Building (63-175)
Final inspection held and work approved except for minor punch-list items will complete project. Waiting for guarantee ongrouting from architect.

* 6. Cherry Hill - Loading Platform (64-207)
No progress.

* 7. Glassboro - New Maintenance Bldg. (64-227)
Bids received and reviewed. Holding contract awards pending decision on selection of alternates.

* 8. Cherry Hill - Salt Bldg. (64-224)
Bids received and reviewed, but being held due to insufficient funds. Architect making review of design.

* 9. Cherry Hill - Equipment Storage Bldg. (64-225)
Bids received and reviewed, but being held due to insufficient funds. Architect making review of design.

** 10. Netcong - New District Office & EOC (63-147)
Bids reviewed and meetings held to determine selection of alternates. Contract awards being held pending review and revision of proposed sewage installation due to proposed new municipal sewer.

* 11. Pennsauken - New Maintenance Building (65-290)
Detailed Application finally processed and B.C. No. assigned by Bureau of Construction. Architect has not yet been assigned.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965 (Cont'd)

D. Capital Building Construction (Cont'd)

* 12. Secaucus - New Maintenance Building (65-291)
Detailed Application finally processed and BC No. assigned by Bureau of Construction. Architect has not yet been assigned.

** 13. Rockaway Twp. - New Maintenance Building (65-292)
Detailed Application finally processed and BC No. assigned by Bureau of Construction. Architect has not yet been assigned.

** 14. West Trenton - New Maintenance Building (65-293)
Detailed Application finally processed and BC No. assigned by Bureau of Construction. Architect has not yet been assigned.

* 15. Main Office Building - Expansion (63-184)
Building addition located at meeting with Commissioner. Further detailed work held in abeyance pending Commissioner receiving approval for necessary additional funds for additional 23,000 S.F. requested. Investigative work continuing on installation of utilities and mechanical installations.

* 16. Hightstown - Volatile Storage Bldg. (65-299)
Preliminary plans reviewed and final plans being prepared.

\# 17. West Berlin - Temporary Steel Building (66-318)
Waiting for delivery of materials.

\# 18. Cumberland - Temporary Steel Building (66-319)
Waiting for delivery of materials.

E. Acquisition of Maintenance Properties

** 1. Alpine - Acquisition of Replacement Site (65-263)
Waiting for decision from Palisades Interstate Park Commission on use of excess land.

** 2. Sussex - Acquisition of Replacement Site (65-261)
Field contacts being set up to investigate additional sites.

** 3. Paterson - Replacement of Yard Site (59-006)
Division of Design investigating possibilities for new site in right-of-way purchase.

** 4. West Orange - Acquisition of Yard Site (63-180)
No progress.

** 5. Fort Lee - Replacement of Yard Site (60-044)
No progress.

* 6. Frelinghuysen Twp. - Replacement of Yard Site (64-213)
Deed has been signed and recorded. Project completed.

** 7. Bedminster - Acquisition of Yard Site (64-202)
Meeting held with Attorney General's Office to explore possibility of joint condemnation in conjunction with ROW purchase.

** 8. Lambertville - Acquisition of Yard Site (64-204)
Agreement reached with property owners. Description being prepared by owner's engineer. Notification being sent to local planning board of our intent to purchase.

** 9. Parsippany-Troy Hills - Acquisition of Yard Site (63-151)
No further progress.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965 (Cont'd)

E. Acquisition of Maintenance Properties (Cont'd)

** 10. Ewing Twp. - Acquisition of Yard Site (59-015)
Attempting to expedite agreement between State agencies for transfer of property.

** 11. Freehold District Office - Acquisition of Yard Site (63-185)
Contract signed for purchase of approximately 30 acres on corner of Route 79 and Little Brook Road, Borough of Freehold. Check for down-payment being prepared.

** 12. Garden State Parkway - Acquisition of Permanent Site (62-251)
Field trip to be scheduled to inspect proposed site on Parkway right-of-way.

** 13. Burden's Hill - Yard Replacement (65-269)
Description and survey of property completed. Search being secured prior to preparation of deed.

** 14. Whippany - Acquisition of Yard Site (62-138)
Division of Design preparing parcel numbers of excess right-of-way for retention by Department for maintenance facility. Effort being made to develop access to proposed site.

** 15. Newark - Acqusition of Additional Property (65-250)
Right-of-Way negotiations with City of Newark have not begun for adjacent tract.

** 16. Netcong - Additional Site Acquisition (65-300)
Meeting being scheduled with owner of adjacent property.

** 17. Butler - Replacement of Yard (62-139)
New proposed site located, and preliminary approval received from officials of City of Newark. Field trip being planned for Division approval.

** 18. West Berlin - Yard Replacement (66-317)
Negotiations being carried on with Division of State Police for portion of State owned property on Route 73 in Berlin. Sketches being prepared for preliminary approval

F. General Administration & Special Projects

1. Renegotiated new leases for Union, Waldwick, and Fairview Yards.

2. Job specifications and descriptions being prepared for new Bureau positions.

3. Made revisions to Operating Budget Request.

4. Continued trainee lectures.

G. Summary

No. Major Buildings		35
No. Minor Buildings		378
Projects:	No. Initiated	3
	No. Closed-Out	4
	No. Pending	104

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1965 (Cont'd)

H. Safety Items

1. Electric services completed at Crystal Lake, Hackensack and Pleasantville. Orders written for correction at Bridgeport.

Project Engineer Assignment Code

*	Mr. J. Y. Khoriaty
**	Mr. P. J. Vecere
#	Mr. C. A. Kerr

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MONTHLY DIVISIONAL REPORT Month of November 1965

Division: Right of Way Acquisitions and Titles

Bureau: Legal

I. STATISTICAL

Papers drawn in November

Condemnation

Complaints	16
Orders to Show Cause	16
Amendments to Complaint	7
Orders Allowing Plaintiff to File Amendment to Complaint	7
Orders of Continuance	6
Orders for Payment of Deposit into Court	6
Orders Directing Return of Money on Deposit	7
Orders for Judgment and Appointing Commissioners	30
Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Complaint	1
Notice of Motion for Order Striking Separate Defense	1
Notice of Motion for Entry of Judgment	1
Notice of Motion for Order Permitting Filing of Amendment to Complaint	1
Reports of Commissioners	15
Orders Granting Compensation to Commissioners	11
Orders to Pay Condemnation Award into Court	3
Orders of Dismissal	17
Notices of Appeal	6
Orders on Appeal	5
Orders Fixing Date for Trial	2
Order Discontinuing Appeal	1

Miscellaneous

Notice of Motion to Strike Complaint	1
Notice of Motion to Dismiss Complaint	1
Order of Dismissal	1

Number of Titles Approved	122
Number of Deeds Approved	97
Court Appearances	70

Cases Pending at end of October		519
Cases Started in November		+16
Total		535
Commissioners' Awards - November	15	
Agreements	8	
Judgments	+8	
Total		-31
		504
Appeals Taken		+ 6
Cases Pending at end of November		510

II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Court appearances on appointment of condemnation commissioners and various motions; hearings before condemnation commissioners; trials; preparation for court appearances; preparing legal briefs and memoranda; conferences re same; conferences with various Deputy Attorneys General.

III. INTERDEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Conferences with department heads with reference to various problems; opinion memoranda for Commissioner Palmer, department heads and employees; approving, disapproving and rewriting various legal papers and documents; recommendations for condemnation or settlement; trial preparation; brief writing and similar services.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Attend bidding; see that all necessary papers are prepared; dictate all court matters; numerous other matters which arise during the course of the month.

V. SPECIAL

We call attention to the fact that there are 510 condemnation cases pending. This is 9 cases less than at the end of October. However, we understand that there are a number of complaints yet to be drawn. We are also working on the new highway beautification and junk yard bills. The Federal Program involving these, we are informed, will greatly increase our work.

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NEWS RELEASES

NOVEMBER 1965

TYPE	THIS MONTH MAP	THIS MONTH NO MAP	CUMULATIVE MAP	CUMULATIVE NO MAP
Bids	1	7	11	30
Advertisement	0	2	10	22
Land-Bldg. Sale	0	2	0	26
Traffic Regulations	0	3	1	19
Traffic Signs-Signals	0	0	1	12
Information Center	1	0	3	3
Relocation Center	0	0	0	2
Training	0	0	0	3
State Aid	0	0	0	4
Dedication	0	0	1	0
Public Hearing	3	0	5	4
Mass Transit	0	0	0	1
Construction	2	0	3	1
Plans	0	0	1	2
Traffic Conditions	0	4	0	22
Featurettes	0	4	0	4
Right of Way	0	1	0	2
Beautification	0	1	0	2
Miscellaneous	0	5	1	8
	7	29	37	167
Grand Total	36		204	

SAVINGS

Envelopes & Postage

November 1965

	1964	1965	Savings to Date
Postage Spent	$604.13	$834.90	$884.47
Envelopes (250/box)	24 boxes	14 boxes	81 boxes

CLIPPING SERVICE

News Clips	Nov. 1965 - 342	To Date - 2,103

PUBLICATIONS MONTHLY REPORT November, 1965

TITLE TYPE	PRINTED DATE/QTY.	PRINTED COSTS	QTY. DISTRIB. MONTH	QTY. DISTRIB. SINCE 7-1	QTY. LEFT ON HAND
Dev. State Hwy. Sys. - Rev. Bklt.	6-65/9,600	$1,017.75 10.60/100	197	1,251	8,130
Yr. Round Driving Hints - Reprint	'64/126,000	$1,139.00 .90/100	289	10,500	2,674
Local Names - Rev. Reprint Bklt.	3-65/5,900	$167.03 $2.81/100	538	2,256	1,952
There Is More To A Hwy. - New Rev.	4-64/12,000	$204.00 $1.70/100	230	1,086	6,111
Center Barriers - Rev. Reprint	11-64/5,700	$227.80 $4.00/100	229	562	4,297
Hwy. Speed Zoning - Rev. Reprint	2-64/5,000	$41.00 $.82/100	229	462	3,329
Traffic Signals - Reprint	2-64/2,900	$24.00 $.42/100	230	345	1,530
Public Hearings - Reprint	4-64/5,000	$31.00 $.61/100	200	700	1,114
Prequal. Contractors - New	5-64/6,800	$150.00 $2.21/100	10	160	5,288
Interstate Sys. - Rev. Reprint	10-64/5,000	$14.15 $.28/100	230	424	3,031
Japanese Natl. R.R. Sys. - Orig.	8-63/2,700	$264.00 $9.78/100	1	8	359
Jug Handles - Rev. Reprint	11-64/2,500	$13.83 $.55/100	200	400	4,179
Control Roadside Adv. - New	12-64/5,800	$420.00 $7.26/100	102	123	2,174
Highway Lighting - New	5-65/6,000	$66.75 $1.11/100	200	450	5,419
Official Map & Guide - '64 New	9-64/304,000	$34,500.00 $11.35/100	5,482	26,506	144,134
			8,367	45,233	

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Highway Signs - New Pamphlet		8-65/5,000	$53.05 $1.06/100	230	454	4,443
Procedure of R.O.W. - New		8-65/2,684	$50.99 $1.91/100	2	2,415	267
Highway Spot Improvements - New		10-65/485	$943.90 188.78/100	10	481	4
Road Mileages - Revised		9-65/2,000	$71.11 $3.56/100	25	125	1,875
Safety Manual		6-64/5,000 6-65/2,000	$2,804.00 $40.06/100	0	0	2,250
			TOTALS	8,634	48,738	

New Publications This Month 0.

Total Different Publications 20.

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RELEASE TUESDAY P.M.'s

1965
Children's Christmas Party

Trenton, Dec. 14 - When interviewed at the North Pole today Santa Claus revealed he has again agreed to host the Children's Christmas Party sponsored annually by State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer.

According to arrangements made with Commissioner Palmer, Santa will arrive at the party at 2:30 p.m., Friday December 17th, in the main office building.

Commissioner Palmer said more than 400 children of Highway Department employees are expected to be on hand to welcome Santa. While waiting for Santa the children will be entertained by an organ interlude of Christmas music, also the Poodle Symphony orchestra, which is a popular feature of children's T.V. Programs, and Walto the Clown who will perform magic tricks.

Attendance is limited to children of Highway employees in the Trenton area, ranging in age from one to eight years old. Each child will receive a gift suitable for his age level, plus balloons and gift stockings filled with fruit and candy.

This event is the 11th Christmas affair to be personally sponsored by Commissioner Palmer since he took office in 1954.

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NEW JERSEY

Traffic Conditions Report

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey

RELEASE FRIDAY DECEMBER 10, 1965

Trenton, Dec. 10 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a list of locations where road construction may cause delays during the weeks of Dec. 11 - Dec. 17.

Atlantic

Rt. 9, Pleasantville, Northfield -- Trench work along shoulders through December.

Bergen

Rt. 17, Paramus, Ridgewood -- Interchange construction at Linwood Ave. and Paramus Rd.

Burlington

Rt. 295, Rt. 38, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Moorestown - Detours at Fellowship Rd., Mt. Laurel Rd., Rt. 38.

Cumberland

Rt. 47, Vineland -- Water and sewer main installations.

Hunterdon

Rt. 78, Clinton, Readington, Tewksbury Twps. & Lebanon Borough.

Rt. 36, Middletown Twp., Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands -- Delays at various locations.

Morris

Rt. 46, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Boro of Mountain Lakes -- Jughandles and resurfacing. Until September, 1966.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

Morris-Somerset

Rt. 78, Bernards, Warren, Passaic, Watchung Twps. -- King George Rd., Mountain Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Old Stirling Rd. for one year. Old Stirling Rd. closed, use Saw Mill Rd. until Oct. 1966.

Ocean

Rt. 37, Dover Township -- delay for next six months.

Passaic

Rt. 80, Wayne -- Interchange construction.

Salem

Rt. 295, Upper Penns Neck, Oldmans Twps. -- Bridge construction.

Somerset

Rt. 78, Bridgewater, Bernards, Warren Twps. -- Rt. 202-206, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville Rd. and Dead River Rd. Bridge work. Signs, barricades, lights guide traffic through area.

Rt. 202, Raritan Borough - Single lane traffic 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Ortho Road. 2 weeks.

Rt. 287, Bernards Twp. & Far Hills Boro -- Annin Rd. closed until Rt. 287 bridge completed.

Somerset-Hunterdon

Rt. 78 Tewksbury, Readington, Bedminster Twps. Stillwell Rd. closed.

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1965
TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Somerset-Union

Rt. 78, Watchung, Berkeley Hts. -- Plainfield Ave. & Stony Hill Rd.

Union

Rt. 278, Elizabeth -- Traffic being detoured around construction site.

Aldene R.R. Plan -- Roselle Park, Union -- Eliminating grade crossing.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'s

1965
Route 46
Ridgefield Park
Bergen County
Highway Beautification

Trenton, Dec. 9 - Two portions of U.S. Route 46 in Ridgefield Park, Bergen County are scheduled to receive "beauty treatment" according to an agreement announced today between the New Jersey State Highway Department and the Keep Ridgefield Park Beautiful Committee.

Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer has approved a proposal sparked by Mr. Samuel Barden, to improve the appearance of the highway in the vicinity of Teaneck Road, East Winant Avenue, Old Main Street and Relocated Main Street.

The Commissioner said the Department is limited in what it can do because of the limited right of way owned by the Department, but he added, "that's where Keep Ridgefield Park Beautiful Committee can do a good job." The Committee should have property owners along the highway take up the Highway Department's cue and dress up their properties.

This spot "beautification" proposal is in line with the President's program to beautify our highways...a program which has the hearty endorsement of Governor Richard J. Hughes and planning committees throughout the State.

The Department plans next spring to plant 35 Norway Maples, 24 Sargent Crab Apple Trees and 400 Showy Border Forsythia along the north side of U.S. Route 46 between Teaneck Road and East Winant Avenue and along both sides of U.S. 46 in the vicinity of the park at Main Street. The plantings will be done by the Highway Department's maintenance forces, and the costs will be paid entirely by the Department.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Gratuities
STATEWIDE

Trenton, December 9 - State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer today issued his 12th annual reminder to highway employees and suppliers about offering or receiving gratuities

Copies of the Commissioner's letter, are now being distributed to all 4,500 employees and the more than 2,000 companies and individuals which do business with the Department. It cautions them to "refrain from any character of gratuity, 'loan', gift or entertainment or any other type of benefit conveyed directly or indirectly to any of our employees".

Commissioner Palmer also used the letter to reaffirm a rule which went in effect last year -- "no highway employee at any time may be employed by or do service for any contractor, consulting firm, or anyone having business relations with the Department".

Similar letters have been distributed early in the Christmas season every year since the Commissioner took office in 1954.

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Re: Gratuities, etc.

State of New Jersey

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

DWIGHT R. G. PALMER, COMMISSIONER

TRENTON 25

December 6th
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To All Associated with the
New Jersey State Highway
Department - as employees,
suppliers, or servicing the
Department:

At this season of the year we have over a considerable period of time directed your attention to the State Highway Department's policy in respect to gratuities of any character.

We repeat for your special attention and compliance our last year's request to you:

"In accordance with our long established custom, we submit herewith our policies and requests with respect to gratuities, which I feel are opportune to emphasize particularly at this season, although their import is equally applicable throughout the year.

"Contractors, Suppliers, Consultants and all who do business with this Department are hereby requested and directed to refrain from any character of gratuity, 'loan', gift or entertainment or other type of benefit conveyed directly or indirectly to any of our employees.

"All parties at interest are duly conscious of the fact that such practices, when carried out, are at the Company's, firm's or individual's expense and are for the sole purpose of benefiting the donor.

"Another item - effective as of this date - no highway employee at any time may be employed or do service for any Contractor, Consulting firm, or anyone having business relations with the Department.

"May I have your acknowledgment of this request and make certain that all members of your staff and field forces are instructed to conform to this directive."

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dwight R. G. Palmer
Commissioner

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Route U.S. 30 - BIDS
City of Camden
Camden County

Trenton, Dec. 9 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low of $102,150.67 was received from State Paving Corp. of Philadelphia, Pa. on a project to construct traffic ramps between eastbound Route U.S. 30 and northbound Baird Boulevard in the City of Camden, Camden County.

Other bidders were: Clifford Ellis, Inc., Cherry Hill, $118,981.93; Gaskill Construction Co., Inc., Riverside, $131,740.58; Bancheri Construction Co., Inc., Hammonton, $132,568.37; A. H. Lupton, Jr., Inc., Bridgeton, $136,257.81.

Two-way connections are now provided between Route U.S. 30 eastbound and Baird Boulevard as well as between Route U.S. 30 westbound and Baird Boulevard.

The new ramps will enable eastbound Route U.S. 30 traffic to connect with northbound Baird Boulevard and eliminate dangerous cross weaving on Baird Boulevard. The present opening in the center island on Baird Boulevard at the intersection will be closed.

Costs of the .186 mile project, which is expected to be completed by July 1, 1966 will be paid by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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RELEASE WEDNESDAY P.M.'s

1965
Aldene Plan Contract 4
Borough of Roselle Park
Chestnut Street Opening
Union County

Trenton, December 8 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today warned truckers to watch out for "low bridge" when Chestnut Street in Roselle Park, Union County, is opened to traffic tomorrow, Thursday.

A Department spokesman explained that the clearance will be only 13 feet until next spring, when final construction will increase the height to 14.5 feet.

Signs will be prominently posted to warn truck drivers of the low clearance, and guide them to an adjacent by-pass around the site.

When Chestnut Street is opened, the spokesman explained, nearby Locust Street will be closed.

The work is part of the "Aldene Plan", a railroad improvement program to facilitate commuter transportation by rerouting the main line trains of the Jersey Central Railroad over Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad tracks to Penn Station in Newark. The plan will mainly benefit the Somerville-Plainfield-Westfield area.

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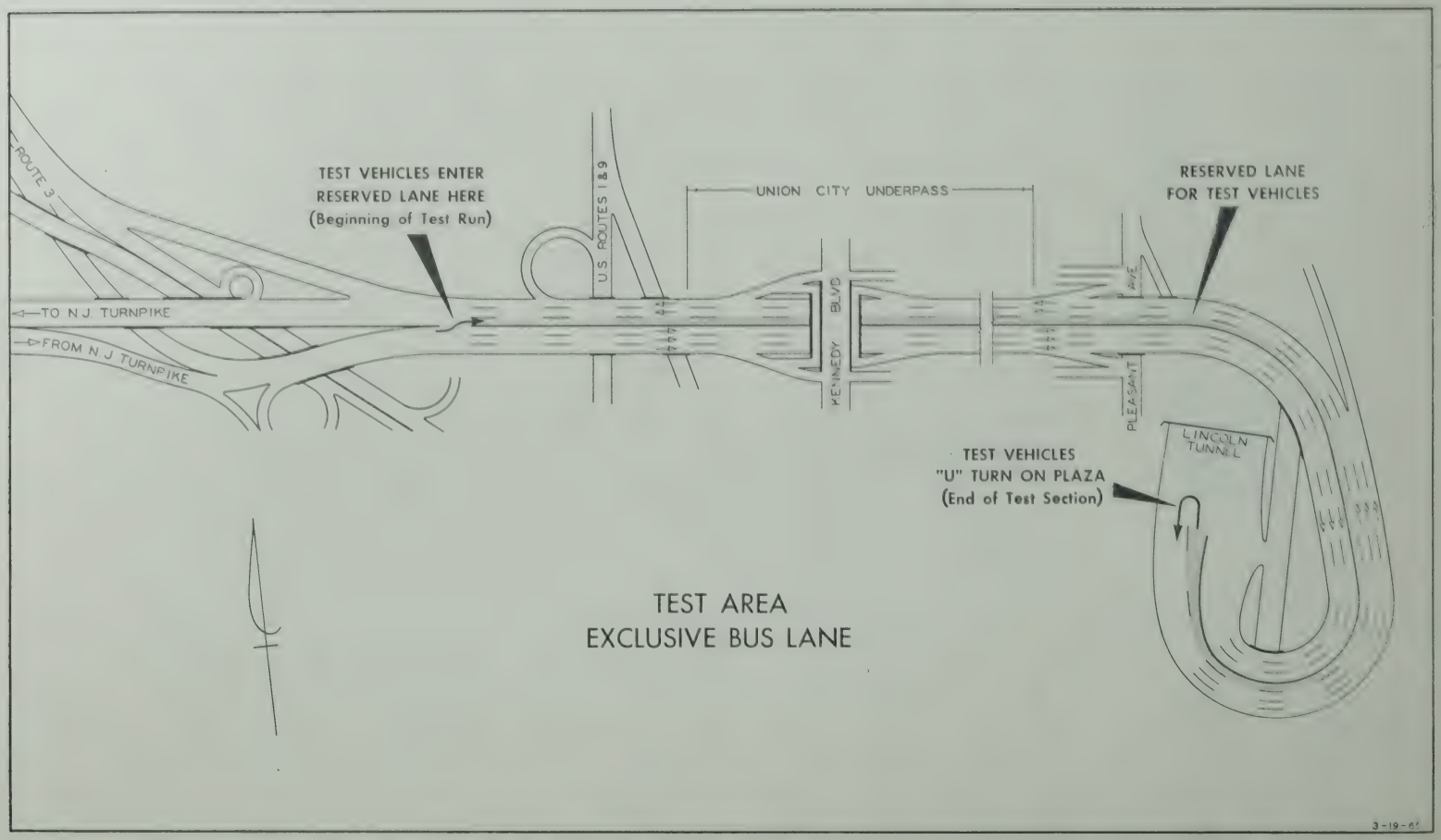
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KENNEDY BLVD
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FOR TEST VEHICLES
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TEST VEHICLES
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(End of Test Section)
TEST AREA
EXCLUSIVE BUS LANE
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Route 3
Bus Lane Test
Hudson County

Trenton, December 8 - The New Jersey State Highway today announced that one westbound exit traffic lane from the Lincoln Tunnel into Hudson County will be tested as an eastbound bus lane during the morning rush hours of December 13, 14 and 15.

A Highway spokesman said the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the Port of New York Authority will join in the experiment, and Chief Fred J. Kropke, with his Hudson County Police Staff, will lend his full support and cooperation.

He added that the Lincoln Tunnel approach, (future Route I-495) now carries nearly 90,000 vehicles a day, a substantial number being buses. The experiment is aimed at alleviating present and future congestion which affects Route 3, the Turnpike and the Tunnel approach.

During the test periods from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., the inside westbound traffic lane leading from the Tunnel will be closed between the Tunnel exit and the Route 3 interchange, about a half a mile to the West. The westbound test lane will be separated from the outer two westbound lanes by traffic cones, and the eastbound test vehicles will travel in this lane with headlights on. Tests of roadway capacity made in September, 1964 demonstrated that the remaining two lanes will be able to handle the anticipated westbound peak hour traffic.

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Operating under controlled conditions, large maintenance vehicles of the three agencies will assemble on each of the three mornings in the vicinity of Route 3 in Secaucus. They will proceed eastward in groups of six or eight, using the inner westbound lane of the Lincoln Tunnel approach roadways. They will not enter the Tunnel. Upon reaching the Tunnel Plaza, they will return to the starting point moving through the regular westbound traffic stream. Five such runs will be made each day at 15-minute intervals extending over the peak hour.

The six lanes of the Union City underpass now handle approximately 6,600 vehicles during the morning peak hour. Of these, an average of 4,200 travel eastbound including approximately 450 buses carrying more than 20,000 commuters into mid-Manhattan. Only 2,400 vehicles travel westbound during this period.

Suitable warning and directional signs will be posted along the test roadway as well as adjacent feeder roads. Traffic police will provide further directional aid. The tests will not take place in the event of a forecast of snow, rain or fog.

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Map

NEW JERSEY

Traffic Conditions Report

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey

RELEASE FRIDAY DECEMBER 3, 1965

Trenton, Dec. 3 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a list of locations where road construction may cause delays during the weeks of Dec. 4 - Dec. 10.

Atlantic

Rt. 9, Pleasantville, Northfield -- Trench work along shoulders through December.

Bergen

Rt. 17, Paramus, Ridgewood -- Interchange construction at Linwood Ave. and Paramus Rd.

Burlington

Rt. 295, Rt. 38, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Moorestown - Detours at Fellowship Rd., Mt. Laurel Rd., Rt. 38.

Camden

Rt. 41, Cherry Hill -- curb and sidewalk construction.

Rt. 168, Blackwood -- repairs.

Cumberland

Rt. 47, Vineland -- Water and sewer main installations.

Essex-Morris

Rt. 80, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Montville & Fairfield Twps. -- Construction equipment moving through area.

Hunterdon

Rt. 78, Clinton, Readington, Tewksbury Twps. & Lebanon Borough.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

Rt. 35, Keyport -- Paving.

Rt. 36, Middletown Twp., Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands -- Delays at various locations.

Morris-Somerset

Rt. 78, Bernards, Warren, Passaic, Watchung Twps. -- King George Rd., Mountain Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Old Stirling Rd. for one year. Old Stirling Rd. closed, use Saw Mill Rd. until Oct. 1966,

Ocean

Rt. 37, Dover Township -- delay for next six months.

Passaic

Rt. 80, Wayne -- Interchange construction.

Salem

Rt. 295, Upper Penns Neck, Oldmans Twps. -- Traffic detour off Penns Grove-Auburn Rd. to Rt. 48 or Perkintown Rd. 2 wks.

Somerset

Rt. 28 Bound Brook -- Resurfacing.

Rt. 78, Bridgewater, Bernards, Warren Twps. -- Rt. 202-206, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville Rd. and Dead River Rd. Bridge work. Signs, barricades, lights guide traffic through area.

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Rt. 202, Raritan Borough - Single lane traffic 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Ortho Road. 3 weeks.

Rt. 287, Bernards Twp. & Far Hills Boro -- Annin Rd. closed until Rt. 287 bridge completed.

Somerset-Hunterdon

Rt. 78 Tewksbury, Readington, Bedminster Twps. Stillwell Rd. closed.

Somerset-Union

Rt. 78, Watchung, Berkeley Hts. -- Plainfield Ave. & Stony Hill Rd.

Union

Rt. 278, Elizabeth -- Traffic being detoured around construction site.

Aldene R.R. Plan -- Roselle Park, Union -- Eliminating grade crossing.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'s

1965
Route 46
Right of Way Acquisition
White Township
Warren County

Trenton, Dec. 2 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will soon begin the process of purchasing properties for right of way needed to improve a portion of Route 46 in White Township, Warren County.

Letters have been mailed to owners of ten property parcels informing them of the Department's intention to begin appraisals and negotiations for the sale of their properties. Most of the properties are on the south side of the road, between Manunka Chunk and Beaver Brook. Plans call for expanding the road to a four-lane dual highway in this area.

The right-of-way acquisition process leading to the ultimate purchase of the properties explained in the letters mailed to affected owners, is divided into three main phases.

First, official right-of-way inspectors will check each property's features, measure the land, photograph the buildings, check legal records and recent property sales in the neighborhood.

Next, Highway Department specialists will appraise each property. Where necessary, the Department will engage qualified professional fee appraisers to make independent appraisals of properties.

After these appraisals are reviewed and the fair market value determined, the third phase begins. A Highway Department negotiator visits the owner and offers to purchase the property at its fair market price. If the offer

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is accepted, a sales agreement is signed and the procedure for payment begins.

A Highway Department spokesman stressed that the negotiation procedures are similar to private-party transactions. The one main exception is that the State, acting in the public interest, has the right to require the owner to sell his property at a fair price.

If the owner declines the fair market offer, the case is then put in the hands of a court-appointed three-man commission. This group will adjudge the case and declare an award it deems to be just compensation. If the owner or the State, declines the commission's award it can be appealed and brought to jury trial. The jury's verdict is final.

If the property is required before the commission's award is made, a new state law permits the Department to deposit an amount of money equal to its fair market estimate with the court. The owner may then withdraw from this amount.

The Highway Department spokesman said about 90 percent of all its right-of-way negotiations are concluded by amicable agreement. He noted, however, that although 25 to 30 percent of the owners may start their cases through the courts because of disagreement over prices, continued negotiations "right to the courthouse steps" resolve all but about eight percent of the disagreements. The remaining cases must go through the courts because of title complications.

Accompanying each letter of notice is a brochure which explains the entire right of way negotiations procedure to the owner.

Rt. 440 ROW Acq. (no map) ####

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'s

1965
Snow Removal
STATEWIDE

Trenton, Dec. 2 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a report outlining its plans for keeping its 2,000 miles of highway clear of snow and ice during the coming winter

Snow plows are ready; rock salt, calcium chloride, sand and other abrasives are stockpiled; state highway snow-removal crews are set and prepared for the first snow storm.

A Highway Department spokesman said that overall control of snow-removal activities is accomplished through the Department's network of 425 two-way mobile radios and 10 base radio stations. The "command post" for state-wide operations is located in the Department's Trenton headquarters.

The Department's snow-fighting plan goes in action when advance warning of threatening weather conditions is received at Trenton headquarters. These warnings, provided by the federal weather bureau and a private weather service, alert the snow control staff and keep it informed of changing weather conditions.

Approximately 2,000 pieces of mechanical snow-and-ice-removal equipment, and about 2,900 men are on standby alert. This includes more than 600 privately owned trucks, loaders and graders fully manned, hired only when, and if, needed by the Highway Department to supplement its own forces in an emergency or severe storm.

Stockpiles of salt and abrasives, located strategically throughout the State,

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have been brought up to adequate levels, based on the experience of past winters.

For this winter, the stockpiles include 27,000 tons of rock salt; 48,000 cubic yards of abrasives including sand, cinders, stone grits, and crushed slag; and 6,000 tons of calcium chloride.

The rock salt will be spread to melt the ice and snow, the abrasives will provide traction, and the calcium chloride will keep the stockpiles from freezing solid.

This year the Department purchased 25 heavy-duty snow plows, 25 tailgate spreaders, and 10 spreader bodies, bringing the total to nearly 1,200 pieces of snow-removal equipment ready to roll and keep the 6,160 lane miles of State Highway System clear this winter.

In addition, snow crews have erected more than 256 miles of snow fence at strategic locations to prevent or minimize drifting.

Until the season closes, the Department's Landscape Section continues to plant shrubbery as living snow fence.

According to the spokesman, even with all this, the snow crews' big problem is not snow and ice, but the unthinking driver who is unprepared for snow storms and uninformed about proper driving techniques.

He identified this type of driver as the one who runs out of gas during a snow storm, skids or stalls on highways and ramps, or drives in the wrong direction in a selfish attempt to avoid his own delay.

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1965
Snow Removal
STATEWIDE

Every motorist can help reduce driving hazards at this time of year, the spokesman noted, by driving with extra caution and courtesy, and by having his vehicle functioning properly and equipped for emergencies.

The Department has distributed more than 200,000 copies of "Year 'Round Driving Hints", a pamphlet which explains many safety precautions to be observed for safe operation of a motor vehicle, and what equipment should be kept in the vehicle for emergency use. This folder is available free by writing the New Jersey State Highway Department in Trenton.

In general, the Department advises motorists always to give snow plows and other snow-removal equipment the right of way; put chains, snow tires, or stud tires (authorized for use on highways from November 1 to April 15), on rear wheels to avoid getting stuck in snow; take curves and corners with caution; maintain a safe, even speed, avoid accelerating or braking rapidly, and eliminate "tailgating" by driving well behind vehicles ahead.

Emergency equipment should include tire chains, sand, a shovel, and flares kept in the car trunk; non-perishable food and a flashlight in the glove compartment or console; and a blanket for warmth when in a traffic tie-up, instead of keeping the motor and heater running.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Vernon-Stockholm Road Bridge-ADV
Township of Hardyston
Sussex County
Federal Aid Secondary

Trenton, December 2 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced bids will be received December 23 on a Federal Aid Secondary Project for reconstruction of the bridge carrying the Vernon-Stockholm Road over the Pequannock River in Hardyston Township, Sussex County.

The existing single-lane will be widened to two lanes so bridge traffic can flow across it in both directions at the same time.

Sidewalks and convenient access to a nearby recreation area also will be provided.

Costs of the project, which is expected to take 65 working days to complete, will be shared by the federal government and Sussex County.

The State Highway Department acts as an agent for the federal government by checking plans for Federal Aid Secondary Projects, by receiving competetive bids and by supervising actual construction.

All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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Vernon-Stockholm Road
FAS - No map

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Interstate Route 278 - BIDS
City of Linden
City of Elizabeth
Union County

Trenton, Nov. 29 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of $123,408.50 was received from V. Ottilio & Son, of Paterson, on an Interstate Route 278 demolition project in Elizabeth and Linden, Union County.

The contract calls for removing more than 160 buildings now standing in the path the superhighway will follow. The freeway will, when completed, extend from Route U.S. 1 and 9 eastward to the Goethals Bridge.

A Department spokesman said the buildings will be removed on a selective basis as each building becomes available shortly after it has been vacated. Fast demolition, he explained, will remove blighted buildings which would become health hazards, and sites for criminal activities.

Areas covered by the contract include the section between Grier Avenue and Bedle Place in Linden, and between Brunswick Avenue and Mack Street in Elizabeth.

Costs of the project, which is expected to be completed by June 1, 1966 will be shared by the Federal Government and the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

Other bidders were: Interstate Wrecking Co., Inc., Springfield, $124,400.00 Wm. M. Young and Co., Inc., Newark, $125,735.00; S. A. S. Equipment Co., Inc., North Bergen, $132,735.00; James Petrozzello Co., Inc., East Orange, $155,162.00; Ralph Barrone and Son, Kenilworth, $165,830.00.

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NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey

RELEASE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 1965

Trenton, Nov. 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a list of locations where road construction may cause delays during the weeks of Nov. 27 - Dec. 3.

Atlantic

Rt. 9, Pleasantville, Northfield -- Trench work along shoulders until December.

Bergen

Rt. 17, Paramus, Ridgewood -- Interchange construction at Linwood Ave. and Paramus Rd.

Burlington

Rt. 295, Rt. 38, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Moorestown - Detours at Fellowship Rd., Mt. Laurel Rd., Rt. 38.

Cumberland

Rt. 47, Vineland -- Water and sewer main installations.

Essex-Morris

Rt. 80, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Montville & Fairfield Twps. -- Construction equipment moving through area.

Hunterdon

Rt. 78, Clinton, Readington, Tewksbury Twps. & Lebanon Borough -- Hunterdon Rd. closed, use County Rt. 523.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

Rt. 35, Keyport -- Paving.

Rt. 36, Middletown Twp., Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands -- Delays at various locations.

Morris

Rt. 15, Jefferson Twp. -- All traffic will use new northbound roadway until summer 1966. Southbound closed except to local traffic.

Rt. 46 and New Rd., Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp. -- Sewer installation through November. Detour.

Rt. 24 Madison -- Resurfacing.

Morris-Passaic

Rt. 23, West Milford & Jefferson Twps. -- Traffic to be guided through construction area.

Morris-Somerset

Rt. 78, Bernards, Warren, Passaic, Watchung Twps. -- King George Rd., Mountain Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Old Stirling Rd. for one year. Old Stirling Rd. closed, use Saw Mill Rd. until Oct. 1966,

Passaic

Rt. 80, Wayne -- Interchange construction.

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TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Salem

Rt. 295, Upper Penns Neck, Oldmans Twps. --
Traffic detour off Penns Grove-Auburn Rd. to Rt.
48 or Perkintown Rd. 2 wks.

Somerset

Rt. 28 Bound Brook -- Resurfacing.

Rt. 78, Bridgewater, Bernards, Warren Twps. --
Rt. 202-206, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville
Rd. and Dead River Rd. Bridge work. Signs,
barricades, lights guide traffic through area.

Rt. 287, Bernards Twp. & Far Hills Boro --
Anrdn Rd. closed until Rt. 287 bridge completed.

Somerset-Hunterdon

Rt. 78 Tewksbury, Readington, Bedminster Twps.
Stillwell Rd. closed.

Somerset-Union

Rt. 78, Watchung, Berkeley Hts. -- Plainfield Ave.
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ating grade crossing.

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NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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Featurettes for News Media

FEATURETTE SPEED LIMITS

Even a raving beauty is not immune to police action as a former Miss Britain discovered. In a two-year period Miss Britain was nabbed on six different occasions for speeding. In traffic court the lovely miss explained that she leads a high-speed life, rushing from one place to another to keep up with her schedule. The traffic court was sympathetic, but grounded her for six months anyway.

What about this high-speed life of we Americans? Do you sometimes think we are driving too fast for our own safety, or are you one of the drivers who think speed limits are for the other fellow?

Well, it may be interesting to know that since 1955 speed limits on New Jersey State highways have been an active function of the State Highway Department. To meet its obligation to produce safe sensible speed zoning the Department adopted standards that are the product of modern research. Formulated by the National Safety Council's Committee on Speed Regulations, these standards take the guess work and rule-of-thumb out of speed zoning on New Jersey State highways.

A folder explaining how the Department sets speed limits is available free of charge through the Bureau of Public Information, New Jersey State Highway Department, Trenton, 08625.

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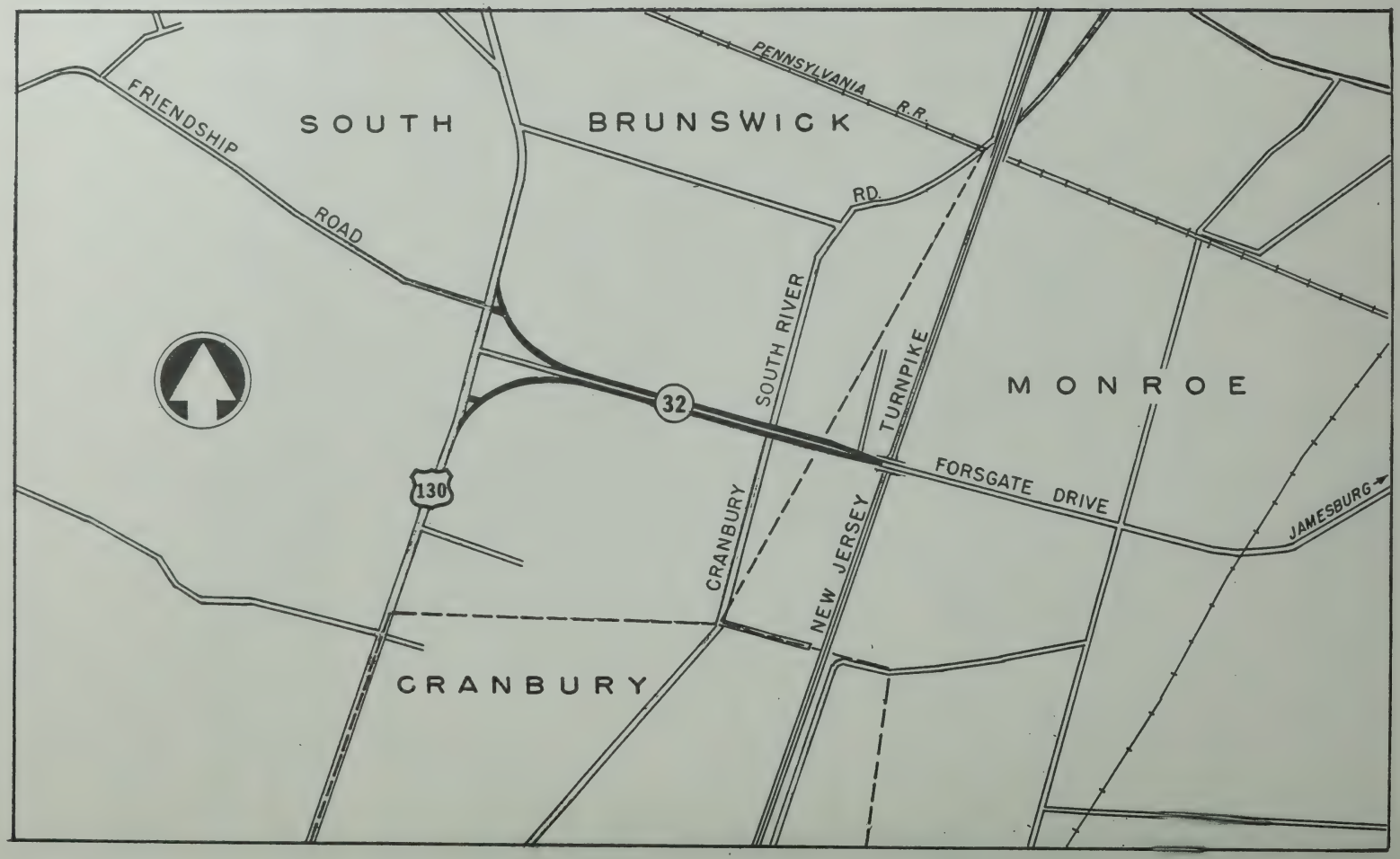
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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'s

1965
Route 32
Monroe Township
Monmouth County
Construction Starts

Trenton, Nov. 25 - Construction crews are working on an entirely new road for the New Jersey State Highway System in Monroe Township, Monmouth County.

A Department official said the new highway, numbered Route 32, will be a land service road 1.4 miles long connecting Route U.S. 130 and a future interchange on the New Jersey Turnpike between New Brunswick and Hightstown. Overall plans call for future extension of the road eastward toward Jamesburg and westward toward Route U.S. 1.

Future plans also provide for an interchange to connect Route 32 to the New Jersey Turnpike for access to the new industrial area bordering Route 32.

At Route U.S. 130 ramps will connect northbound Route 130 to eastbound Route 32, and westbound Route 32 to northbound Route 130. Traffic will be permitted also to cross Route U.S. 130 to Fellowship Road. The ramps later will be incorporated into a full interchange.

Construction this fall includes building a new two lane roadway which will become the westbound lanes of Route 32 when the entire four-lane highway is completed.

The work, progressing west to east, includes clearing the site, stripping, roadway excavation and filling depressed areas. This work will continue through the end of 1965.

Also starting this month will be drainage work to carry storm water away from the roadbed. This will be completed in the spring of 1966.

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1965
Route 32
Monroe Township
Monmouth County
Construction Starts

When winter weather breaks in 1966, work will start on subbase, curbing and paving the new roadway.

After the new roadway is completed in mid July all former county Route 522 traffic will be routed over the new construction, while a new roadbed is constructed for two eastbound lanes of Route 32.

There will be no interference to traffic during all phases of construction.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
FOG BROOM

Trenton, Nov. 24 - The State Highway Department today announced it is seeking to adapt a device used in the misty mountains of Chile in its latest effort to combat fog on New Jersey highways.

At Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer's direction the Department's Division of Research and Evaluation has been engaged in investigating all possible methods of reducing the traffic hazards created by fog on major roadways. During the research into this problem, it was learned that the natives of Chile use fine nylon nets to collect moisture from the fog and mist that is prevalent in their mountains so that it can be used for irrigation purposes in the valleys below.

The Research Division's variation of this device, labeled a "fog broom", consists of a network of fine nylon threads wrapped around a revolving frame.

When a test model of the device was tried out in the Department's fog laboratory, the revolving frame picked particles of moisture out of the air, causing the humidity to drop and the temperature to rise, and producing a tunnel of visibility in the dense mist within six minutes.

The big test will come when several fog brooms are mounted on a low flat bed truck and driven through actual fog. The theory is that the device will sweep enough fog out of the air to permit safe movement of vehicles.

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Similar to snow removal operations, the fog broom vehicles would operate in tandem, clearing a path truck-wide, and from one foot off the ground to about truck cab height. If the fog drifts back over the road, a Highway spokesman said, the operation could be repeated just as snowplows return to highways to remove snow drifts.

If the fog broom, or some variation of it does the job, the spokesman said fog crews might be formed similar to snow crews. They would be alerted by meterological reports that fog was expected in an area, and when fog closed in on State highways, the broom equipment would be moved out to open roads.

Various other types of tests are being conducted by the research group in the Highway Department's continuing fight to eliminate fog as a highway danger. These include special reflectors imbedded in the highway surface, radar mounted in vehicles, and closed circuit TV in vehicles.

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NEW JERSEY

Traffic Conditions Report

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey

RELEASE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1965

Trenton, Nov. 19 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a list of locations where road construction may cause delays during the weeks of Nov. 20 - Nov. 26.

Atlantic

Rt. 9, Pleasantville, Northfield -- Trench work along shoulders until December.

Bergen

Rt. 17, Paramus, Ridgewood -- Interchange construction at Linwood Ave. and Paramus Rd.

Burlington

Rt. 295, Rt. 38, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Moorestown - Detours at Fellowship Rd., Mt. Laurel Rd., Rt. 38.

Camden

Rt. 168, Blackwood -- Pavement restoration.

Cumberland

Rt. 47, Vineland -- Water and sewer main installations.

Essex-Morris

Rt. 80, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Montville & Fairfield Twps. -- Construction equipment moving through area.

Hunterdon

Rt. 78, Clinton, Readington, Tewksbury Twps. & Lebanon Borough -- Hunterdon Rd. closed, use County Rt. 523.

Monmouth

Rt. 9, Freehold Boro, Freehold Twp. -- Delay at Freehold Circle.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26

Rt. 35, Keyport -- Paving.

Rt. 36, Middletown Twp., Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands -- Delays at various locations.

Rt. 71, Sea Girt Ave. -- Reconstruction of intersection.

Morris

Rt. 15, Jefferson Twp. -- All traffic will use new northbound roadway until summer 1966. Southbound closed except to local traffic.

Rt. 46 and New Rd., Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp. -- Sewer installation through November. Detour.

Rt. 24 Madison -- Resurfacing.

Morris-Passaic

Rt. 23, West Milford & Jefferson Twps. -- Traffic to be guided through construction area.

Morris-Somerset

Rt. 78, Bernards, Warren, Passaic, Watchung Twps. -- King George Rd., Mountain Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Old Stirling Rd. for one year. Old Stirling Rd. closed, use Saw Mill Rd. until Oct. 1966.

Ocean

Rt. 37, Dover Twp. & Toms River -- Widening and drainage.

Passaic

Rt. 80, Wayne -- Interchange construction.

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Salem

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Traffic detour off Penns Grove-Auburn Rd. to Rt.
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Somerset

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Interstate Route 295 - BIDS
Highway Lighting
Interchanges 70 & 73
Burlington & Camden Counties

Trenton, Nov. 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today received a low bid of $221,910.85 from Gerald Electric Construction Co., Inc. of Almonneson on a highway safety lighting project for Interstate Route 295 in Burlington and Camden Counties.

Other bidders were: Delba Line Const. Co., Pleasantville, $222,542.50; W. V. Pangborne & Co., Inc., Phila., Pa., $224,917.15; Jack Adler, Phila., Pa., $233,355.00; Lightning Electric Co., Millburn, $235,416.90; Broadway Maintenance Corp., Newark, $288,207.00.

Construction crews will install highway lights at the intersections of I-295 with Route 73 in Maple Shade Township, Burlington County, and Route 70 in Cherry Hill Township, Camden County, plus lighting an overpass at Church Road and an underpass at Chapel Avenue.

The project calls for the installation of 55 mercury vapor lighting units at the interchange with Route 73, 81 units at the interchange with Route 70. Two units will be installed at both the Church Road overpass and the Chapel Avenue underpass. Three existing overhead highway signs are to be illuminated.

A Highway Department spokesman explained Interstate Route 295 will eventually extend a distance of 67.5 miles from the Delaware-New Jersey State line northward through Salem, Gloucester, Camden and Burlington Counties to an

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1965
Interstate Route 295 - BIDS
Highway Lighting
Interchanges 70 & 73
Burlington & Camden Counties

intersection with Interstate Route 95 in Mercer County.

A 2.5 mile portion of the freeway is presently in service from the Delaware Memorial Bridge in Salem County norhtward to Hollywood Avenue.

Nearly $6 million in construction work is now underway at selected locations from Hollywood Avenue northward over a distance of about 11 miles through Salem County to Route 322 in Bridgeport, Gloucester County.

More than 24 miles of the freeway are in service from Route 322 in Bridgeport, Gloucester County, northward through Camden County to Route 73 in Burlington County.

From Route 73 northward more than 4 miles of the Interstate Route are now under construction at a cost of $5.7 million.

Ninety percent of the costs of interstate routes in New Jersey are paid by the Federal government while the remaining ten percent is paid by the State.

The lighting project is expected to take 130 working days to complete. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Route U.S. 30 - ADV
City of Camden
Camden County

Trenton, Nov. 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a call for bids to be received Thursday, Dec. 9, 1965 on a project to construct traffic ramps between eastbound Route U.S. 30 and northbound Baird Boulevard in the City of Camden, Camden County.

Two-way connections are now provided between Route U.S. 30 eastbound and Baird Boulevard as well as between Route U.S. 30 westbound and Baird Boulevard.

The new ramps will enable eastbound Route U.S. 30 traffic to connect with northbound Baird Boulevard and eliminate dangerous cross weaving on Baird Boulevard. The present opening in the center island on Baird Boulevard at the intersection will be closed.

The new ramp will be 48 feet wide between curbs and will carry two lanes of traffic in each direction separated by a concrete median divider.

Costs of the .186 mile project, which is expected to be completed by July 1, 1966 will be paid by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1965
Boonton Turnpike - BIDS
Lincoln Park Borough
Morris County
FAS Project S-186 (5)

Trenton, Nov. 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of $333,659.75 was received from J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc., Kearny on a Federal Aid secondary project for construction of another portion of Boonton Turnpike in Lincoln Park Borough, Morris County.

Other bidders were: Della-Pello Contracting Co., Inc., Union, $383,164.60; Orion Contracting Co., Inc. Mountain Lakes, $399,748.60; Michael La Morgese & Son, Inc., Irvington, $408,215.00; Sam Braen Construction Co., Wyckoff, $418,021.90; Tri County Asphalt Corp., Roseland, $429,130.75; P.T.&L. Construction Co., Inc., Paramus, $450,933.50; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, $466,762.45; Ufheil Construction Co., Inc., New Milford, $467,354.35; Peter W. Kero, Inc., Carlstadt, $485,472.08; Conduit & Foundation Corp., Phila., Pa. $497,091.00; Hess Bros., Inc., Parlin, $497,562.10; P. Michelotti & Sons, Inc., Saddle Brook, $497,704.90.

The contract calls for reconstructing and widening a mile of the existing two-lane undivided highway from Paine Place east to the end of a previously completed project near Aqueduct Bridge.

The improvement will provide a highway 46 feet wide with four bituminous concrete traffic lanes. No parking will be permitted at any time after construction is completed.

The project is expected to require 100 working days to complete. Costs will be shared equally by the federal government and Morris County. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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Annual Meeting
New Jersey, New York, New
England States Testing
Engineers Association

Trenton, Nov. 15 - The New Jersey State Highway Department will host the 41st annual meeting of northeastern highway materials testing engineers in Princeton, November 16 and 17, it was announced today.

State Highway Engineer James R. Schuyler will make the welcoming address to the New Jersey, New York, New England States Testing Engineers Association, at the opening of the two-day affair in the Princeton Inn, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Engineers from the Federal Bureau of Public Roads and Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences will attend as associate members.

The program will include a range of technical subjects such as Performance of Underground Flexible Structures, Design Fabrication and Application of Stainless Steel Culverts, Estimating Corrosion Rates on Buried Culverts by Polarization Studies, Approaches to Automation of Weighing Processes, A Report on Performance of Compression Sealing in North America and Europe, and Practical Control of Bituminous Materials.

The final lecture features Doctor Fred J. Benson, Dean of Engineering of Texas A. & M. University, who will address the assemblage on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. on the subject of "The Role of Materials in Engineering College Curricula".

Persons having an engineering or technical background, who would be interested in hearing any of these lectures, are invited to attend.

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NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey

RELEASE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 1965

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 19

Trenton, Nov. 12 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today issued a list of locations where road construction may cause delays during the weeks of Nov. 13 - Nov. 19.

Atlantic

Rt. 9, Pleasantville, Northfield -- Trench work along shoulders until December.

Bergen

Rt. 17, Paramus, Ridgewood -- Interchange construction at Linwood Ave. and Paramus Rd.

Burlington

Rt. 295, Rt. 38, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Moorestown - Detours at Fellowship Rd., Mt. Laurel Rd., Rt. 38.

Camden

Rt. 168, Blackwood -- Pavement restoration.

Cumberland

Rt. 47, Vineland -- Water and sewer main installations.

Essex-Morris

Rt. 80, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Montville & Fairfield Twps. -- Construction equipment moving through area.

Hunterdon

Rt. 78, Clinton, Readington, Tewksbury Twps. & Lebanon Borough -- Hunterdon Rd. closed, use County Rt. 523.

Monmouth

Rt. 9, Freehold Boro, Freehold Twp. -- Delay at Freehold Circle.

Rt. 35, Keyport -- Paving.

Rt. 36, Middletown Twp., Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands -- Delays at various locations.

Rt. 71, Sea Girt Ave. -- Reconstruction of intersection.

Morris

Rt. 15, Jefferson Twp. -- All traffic will use new northbound roadway until summer 1966. Southbound closed except to local traffic.

Rt. 46 and New Rd., Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp. -- Sewer installation through November. Detour.

Morris-Passaic

Rt. 23, West Milford & Jefferson Twps. -- Traffic to be guided through construction area.

Morris-Somerset

Rt. 78, Bernards, Warren, Passaic, Watchung Twps. -- King George Rd., Mountain Ave., Hillcrest Rd. and Old Stirling Rd. for one year. Old Stirling Rd. closed, use Saw Mill Rd. until Oct. 1966.

Ocean

Rt. 37, Dover Twp. & Toms River -- Widening and drainage.

Passaic

Rt. 80, Wayne -- Interchange construction.

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Salem

Rt. 295, Upper Penns Neck, Oldmans Twps. -- Traffic detour off Penns Grove-Auburn Rd. to Rt. 48 or Perkintown Rd. 2 wks.

Somerset

Rt. 78, Bridgewater, Bernards, Warren Twps. -- Rt. 202-206, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville Rd. and Dead River Rd. Bridge work. Signs, barricades, lights guide traffic through area.

Rt. 287, Bernards Twp. & Far Hills Boro -- Construction, Annin Rd. closed until Rt. 287 bridge completed.

Somerset-Union

Rt. 78, Watchung, Berkeley Hts. -- Plainfield Ave.

Union

Rt. 278, Elizabeth -- Traffic being detoured around construction site.

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RELEASE FRIDAY P.M.'s

1965
Interstate Route 76
Camden
Right-of-Way Negotiations

Trenton, Nov. 12 - State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer today announced negotiations with property owners will begin within 30 days to purchase land needed for construction of Interstate Route 76 in Camden.

Commissioner Palmer said owners of properties located between the Bridge Plaza and Newton Avenue, which are needed for the new highway, have received notices their land and buildings will be affected, and that some of the properties already have been appraised. Person-to-person negotiations by Department negotiators to buy the properties is the next step, expected to begin early in December.

The Commissioner explained that negotiators, assigned to deal with the owners whose appraisals have been completed, will soon begin contacting them to make appointments for personal meetings.

He added that other owners, located between Newton Avenue and Morgan Boulevard are receiving official letters notifying them their properties will be affected. The letters are being mailed on a progressive basis, from Newton Avenue southward.

Affected properties lie between the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Plaza and Morgan Boulevard, a distance of about 3.5 miles.

Through the cooperation of Mayor Alfred R. Pierce, close coordination has been effected between Camden city officials, the Regional Federal Housing Office and the Urban Renewal Office. This coordination will provide both maximum relocation assistance and eliminate the overlapping of property and purchasing where the

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freeway and Camden's local housing and urban renewal programs adjoin.

Interstate Route 76 in its entirety will extend from the Benjamin Franklin Bridge south to its connection with Interstate Route 295, a distance of 6.3 miles, and will cost an estimated $28 million. The portion from Morgan Boulevard, near the Walt Whitman Bridge, to I-295 is completed and open to traffic.

The superhighway will afford a rapid, non-stop highway link between the Delaware River bridges, Interstate Route 295 and other main highways serving South Jersey, and will become an integral part of the Greater Camden metropolitan area redevelopment.

The path for the final section of Route 76 will be depressed below the level of the existing street system between the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Plaza and Cooper Street. The remainder of the freeway will be on an embankment with landscaped slopes, and it will run southward to Morgan Boulevard, approximately following the right-of-way of the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines.

The right-of-way acquisition process, explained in the letters mailed to affected property owners, has been planned to minimize inconvenience to the owners, and occupants of their properties.

The plan calls for Highway Department employees to negotiate the purchases of needed land on a progressive "block by block" basis. This means, Commissioner Palmer explained, that all the owners of properties located in one city block will be contacted, and the acquisition procedure begun, before the highway men move to the next block.

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As soon as each block is vacated, he added, arrangements will be made for immediate demolition of the houses to eliminate health hazards, fire and vandalism.

First step in the Highway Department's normal procedure assigns official right-of-way inspectors to check each property's features, measure the land, photograph the buildings and check records and recent real estate sales.

Next, Highway Department appraisers visit each property to determine its fair market value. Independent appraisals are often made by qualified professional fee appraisers who are engaged by the Department.

After these appraisals are reviewed and the fair value determined, the third phase begins. A Highway Department negotiator visits the owner and offers to purchase the property at its fair market price. If the offer is accepted, a sales agreement is signed and the procedure for transference and payment begins,

To assist owners, up to 25% of the purchase price can be promptly sent to the owner after his agreement is approved, provided it does not exceed 75% of his equity. Commissioner Palmer put this plan in force early in his administration to give an owner working capital for securing a new home.

If the owner declines the Department's fair market offer, the case must be put in the hands of a court-appointed three-man "condemnation commission". This group will arrive at its own evaluation and render its decision. If the owner or the Department declines the commission's evaluation, a review by jury must be made and its verdict is binding on both parties.

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In any condemnation case where construction necessitates that an owner relocate prior to the court's award, a new law now permits the state to deposit an amount of money equal to its fair market value estimate with the court. The owner may then withdraw from this deposit.

The letters to affected property owners also offer Relocation Advisory Assistance service to owners and tenants who must move out of the way of the federal-aid highway construction. This program is designed to aid them in finding new residences. Another part of the same service, available after the people move, will provide up to $200 of the moving costs. If a business must relocate, a reimbursement of up to $3,000 is possible.

As a part of its advisory relocation service to owners and tenants, the Highway Department will open two local relocation assistance offices in the project area. Information concerning available properties for rent or sale, as well as other relocation service information, will be available at these local offices. Location of these offices will be announced later.

The Highway Department will contact those eligible for the Advisory Relocation Assistance well in advance of their actual needs.

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Aldene Plan Contract 5 - BIDS
Hillside Township
Union County

Trenton, Nov. 12 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of $908,664.00 was received from J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Fort Lee, on Aldene Plan Contract 5.

Other bidders were: Schiavone Construction Co., Secaucus, $959,773.95; Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden, $963,485.76; George M. Brewster and Son, Inc., Bogota, $1,018,251.50; Robert Bossert and Co., Inc., Newark, $1,018,306.05; Mal-Bros Contracting Co., West Caldwell, $1,023,645.14; Poirier and McLane Corp., N.Y.C., $1,037,411.97; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, $1,055,992.16; Ell-Dorer Contracting Co., Plainfield, $1,136,027.21 and Conduit and Foundation Corp., Philadelphia, $1,171,996.10.

The Aldene Plan includes grade crossing eliminations, commuter facilities and track work on the Lehigh Valley, Jersey Central and Pennsylvania Railroads. Under the plan, Jersey Central trains will be switched onto Lehigh Valley tracks at the old Aldene Station in Cranford, and proceed through Hillside and Union to the Pennsylvania Station in Newark.

The proposed project includes extension of Central Avenue from Dod Place over a distance of nearly one-half mile eastward to North Broad Street. A viaduct will carry Central Avenue traffic over the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks.

Completion of the work will provide motorists now using Long Avenue to cross the Lehigh Valley tracks at grade with a more direct grade separated crossing to reach North Broad Street. As part of the project, a roadway will be built from Ridgway Avenue to provide access to properties that might otherwise be isolated.

Aldene Plan Contract 5
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1965
Route U.S. 46 - BIDS
Clifton, Passaic County
Route 23
Butler, Morris County
Pedestrian Bridges

Trenton, Nov. 12 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of $109,250.00 was received from Mohawk Contractors, Inc., Linden for construction of two pedestrian overpasses in Passaic and Morris Counties.

Other bidders were: J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., Fort Lee, $118,649.25; Conduit and Foundation Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., $120,130.50; Mal-Bros. Contracting Co., West Caldwell, $121,711.75; Schiavone Construction Co., Inc., Secaucus, $142,381.75.

One pedestrian bridge will be built over U.S. Route 46 in Clifton, at Saint Phillips Avenue; the other will be built over Route 23 in Butler at Roosevelt Avenue.

Both bridges will be 124 feet long with reinforced concrete piers and stairs, and concrete decking supported by structural steel flooring. They will have chain link fencing to protect motorists from falling objects, and both will be illuminated.

The spans will permit residents of the communities to walk safely over the highways, while traffic flows without interruption below. Formerly, traffic was halted to permit pedestrians to cross the highways under signal light control.

Costs of the two pedestrian overpasses, which are expected to be completed by May, 1966, will be paid entirely by the State Highway Department.

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Interstate Route 295 - BIDS
Lawnside Borough
Cherry Hill Township
Pennsauken Township
Camden County
Mt. Laurel Township
Burlington County

Trenton, Nov. 12 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of $17,008.49 was received from Clifford Ellis, Inc., Riverside, on a project for construction of three crossovers through the center island of Interstate Route 295 in Camden and Burlington Counties.

A Department spokesman explained the openings are for the use of fire, police, and other official emergency vehicles only.

The other bidder was South Jersey Construction Co., Riverside, $24,263.55.

The first emergency opening will cross the landscaped median of the freeway in Lawnside Borough between Warwick Road to the west and Haddonfield-Berlin Road to the east.

The second crossover will be located between Haddonfield-Berlin Road and Route 70 in Cherry Hill Township, and the third between Route 70 in Cherry Hill Township and Route 73 in Mount Laurel Township.

Costs of the 0.45 mile project, which is expected to take 15 working days to complete, will be paid by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY P.M.'s

Re: President Johnson's Beautification Program

Trenton, N.J., November 10, 1965 - Commissioner D. R. G. Palmer today announced that the New Jersey State Highway Department has recorded in Washington its performance record in furtherance of President Johnson's Beautification Program.

Numerous aspects of the President's program are identical with the direction of the Department's actions for several years. Following is the Department's record of the last five years:

1. Landscape improvements

Completed Jan. 1, 1960 to Jan. 1, 1965	117.9 miles
Completed since January 1, 1965	45.0 "

2. Landscape improvements

Completed Jan. 1, 1960 to Jan. 1, 1965	$1,186,276.00
Completed since January 1, 1965	$ 655,491.74

The foregoing included the landscape treatment of all Interstate and Freeway Construction projects as well as all other new construction or improvements on major highways where there was sufficient right-of-way to accomplish worthwhile results.

In addition to work completed since January 1, 1965, the following are under way:

1. Thirty-three general construction contracts, which include major landscape improvement work valued at $807,644. This represents 67.4 miles.

The cost of this work is split between the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government on a 50-50 and a 90-10 basis.

2. There are twenty-seven general construction contracts designed or being designed which include major landscape work. Some of these projects are included in those remaining sections of the Interstate routes which have reached the design stage. Also included are Route 35 Freeway and Route 33 dualization in Monmouth County. Route 23 dualization in Passaic and Morris Counties; Route 15 dualization; Route 29 in Trenton; Route 37 in Ocean County and Route 21 Freeway in Passaic.

3. In addition, the Department is presently designing several separate landscape projects as follows:

   Route 47, from Garden State Parkway to Wildwood.

   Route 82 Union, Improvement of center island planting.

   Ridgefield Park, Improvement of Route 46.

Rest Areas Completed

January 1, 1960 to January 1, 1965 (on Interstate)	5
Since January 1, 1965	14

These rest areas contain picnic tables and trash receptacles; five have paved parking spaces.

Rest Areas Planned for Future Construction:

Major units to be completed by 1970	10
Minor units	5
Scenic Overlooks	2
Existing units to be improved	6

The foregoing may be increased if additional studies indicate need or desirability.

The Estimated Cost of a Major Rest Area:

Right of way	$15,000
Roadways and parking areas	111,000
Rest room building	30,000
Water supply	5,000
Sewerage disposal system	10,000
Lighting	12,000
All other facilities	15,000
Total estimated cost	$198,000

Junk Yards:

1. Prior to January 1, 1965, numerous locations received special screen planting.

2. The following has been accomplished since January 1, 1965:

   A contract to screen 15 junk yards will be completed Fall of 1965.

Another contract to screen 9 junk yards will be started this Fall and completed in the Spring of 1966.

One contract to screen 11 yards will be advertised during November, 1965. The work will be completed in the Spring of 1966.

A survey made at the inception of the Department's program of beautification indicated 129 junk yards along State highways. Contracts will partially screen thirty-five; the balance are not screenable from highway right-of-way.

Legislation:

In order to comply with the requirements proposed under Title III of the Federal Act, State legislation being drafted will permit the "acquisition of interests in and improvement of strips of land necessary for the restoration, preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty adjacent to such highways, including acquisition and development of publicly owned and controlled rest and recreation areas" along all primary system roads.

Compliance with the above act will make this State eligible for $1,464,137. for the fiscal year 1966 without State matching funds. These funds to be expended for control of outdoor advertising and control of junk yards.

2. Effective control of junk yards is to be established by January 1, 1968 as prescribed in Title II of the Act passed by Congress on October 22, 1965. State legislation with minimum requirements providing for effective control of junk yards along State highways in all areas within "1000 feet of the nearest edge of the right of way and visible from the main traveled way of the system" except where zoned industrial by State Law. A draft for such compliance is being submitted to the Legislature.

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